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BISHOP ATTICUS G. HAYGOOD.

Bishop Haygood was born in Georgia in 1839, entered the Methodist Ministry in 1859 and became President of Emory College in 1876. In 1882 he was elected a Bishop but declined to serve, being unwilling to surrender at that time his work as an educator. In 1883 he was made Gen'l Agent of the John F. Slater Fund of one million dollars. In May, 1890, he was elected and ordained a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Saint Louis, Mo.

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MINUTES.

The Forty-Fifth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Methodist Church, in Monroe, La., beginning on Wednesday, December 3, 1890, and adjourning at 9 P. M., Sunday, December 7, 1890; Rev. Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., LL. D., in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9:30 A. M. to 1.30 P. M., and were opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bishop Haygood and various members of the Conference.

John T. Sawyer was elected Secretary, and Alfred E. Clay Assistant Secretary.

The following members answered to roll call during the session :

Clerical—John Pipes, James L. Wright, B. F. Alexander, John A. Miller, B. F. White, T. H. McClendon, Jesse Fulton, T. J. Upton, J. H. Stone, J. F. Wynn, H. O. White, C. W. Carter, E. W. Yancey, M. C. Manly, R. Parvin, R. Randle, J. W. Medlock, C. R. Godfrey, Geo. Jackson, J. M. Brown, E. B. Foust, T. S. Randle. J. D. Harper, R. S. Isbell, F. G. Hocutt, Jno. T. Sawyer, J. B. Walker, Alf. E. Clay, J. M. Johnston, N. S. Cornell, Lewis A. Reed, J. A. Parker, J. F. Patterson, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, John B. Cassity. Samuel S. Keener, John L. P. Sheppard, J. M. Beard, R. M. Blocker, C. T. Munholland, R. S. Colier, S. H. Whatley, C. F. Evans, R. J. Harp, Wm. Wimberly, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, T. B. White, S. J. Davies, Daniel C. Barr, J. B. A. Ahrens, Joel T. Davies, H. J. Boltz, Wilson Moore, J. F. Scurlock, Robert Harry, J. I. Hoffpauir, F. N. Parker, J. S. Sanders, Henry S. Johns, H. Armstrong, J. O. Bennett, R. P. Howell, H. W. May, S. S. Holliday, G. A. Mandeville, A. D. M'Voy, J. H. Callaway, F. S. Parker, W. J. Porter, Jno. B. Williams, James E. Riddle, C. B. Carter, C. M. Lyons, W. F. Henderson, James E. Densen—75.

Lay—T. J. Reames, Dr. Jno W. Adams, Wm. B. Thomson, Chas. W. Chambers, J. B. Howard, Claiborne J. Foster, H. L. McLane, Rev. Geo. W. Bruce, John B. Pickles, A. A. Dean, Samuel M. Barr, U. T. Blacksher, Rev. W. B. Tilley, Dr. A. S. Helmick, Jethro Moore, D. W. McDuffie, Samuel Whited, J. W. Dawson, Rev. B. H. Sheppard, Wesley W. Guthrie, Prof. R. A. Smith—21.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Herman Willis Knickerbocker, Charles W. Coomb, James Matthew Henry, Benjamin H. Sheppard, William F. Sanders.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Henry Herman Ahrens, Isaac T.Reames, William George Evans, Richard M. Walker, William Schule, Charles E. Mc Donald, Henry Milton Banks, E. L. Singeltary.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? John Frederick Foster, Geo. E. Greene, Arthur D. M'Voy, Jr., Charles F. Staples, Thos. L. Lallance, James Jefferson Kelly.

Qnes. 5. Who are re-admitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. H. LaPrade foom the N. Ga. Conference; J. L. Pierce from the N. Texas Conference; J. H. Brown from the N. Mississippi Conference; and E. T. Densen from the Mississippi Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are deacons of one year? John B. Williams, James E. Riddle, Charles B. Carter, William J. Porter, James E. Densen, Clayton M. Lyons, William H. Hill.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John Frederick Foster, Thos. L. Lallance, George E. Greene. A. D. M'Voy, Jr., James J. Kelly, Charles F. Staples.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John F. Foster, Thos. L. Lallance, George E. Greene, A. D. M'Voy, Jr., James J. Kelly, Charles F. Staples, E. L. Singeltary.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Noel B. Norwood, Benj. H. Sheppard, Frances N. Sweeney.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Noel B. Norwood, Benj. H. Sheppard, Frances N. Sweeney, G. W. Garrett.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Wilson Moore, Robert P, Howell, S. S. Holliday, Harry W. May, J. H. Calloway, Robt. Harry.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Wilson Moore, Robt. P Howell, S. S. Halliday, Harry W. May, J. H. Calloway, Robert Harry.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? David Lewis Mitchell, John M. Davies, W. B. Pilley.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? David Lewis Mitchell and W. B. Tilley.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? Walter Dunstan, Christian Keener, A. M. Wailes, A. A. Cornett.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? John Pipes, J. H. Stone, P. H. Diffenweirth, Jesse Fulton, E. W. Yancey, George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, E. B. Foust, J. L. Wright, M. C. Manly.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None have died.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed. George T. Ashley withdrew from our church and ministry.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Local preachers	90
White members	20,025
Colored members	8

Ques. 22. How many Infants have been baptized during the year? 916.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 614.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday schools? 216.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday school teachers? 1299.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday school scholars? 8499.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $4,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? $3,721.40; and applied as follows:

Rev. Marcus C. Manly	$265 00	...taken by himself.
" Jas. L. Wright	225 00	...taken by himself.
" P. H. Diffenweirth	175 00	...taken by C. W. Carter.
" Jesse Fulton	175 00	...taken by himself.
" E. W. Yancey	175 00	...taken by himself.
" John Pipes	250 00	...taken by himself.
" George Jackson	175 00	..taken by himself.
" J. H. Stone	150 00	...taken by R. Parvin.
" R. S. Trippett	150 00	...taken by C. W. Carter.
Mrs. R. T. Parish	130 00	...taken by J. L. Wright.
" J. S. Davis	196 40	...taken by R. S. Isbell.
" R. R. Alexander	100 00	...taken by B. F. Alexander.
" John Wilkinson	130 00	...taken by S. S. Keener.
" Philo M. Goodwyn	140 00	...taken by John T. Sawyer.
" W. D. Stayton	130 00	...taken by N. S. Cornell.
" J. D. Adams	125 00	...taken by Thos. J. Upton.
" R. M. Crowson	75 00	...taken by Robt. Parvin.
" W. Weimer	75 00	...taken by Thos. J. Upton.
" J. E. Bradley	175 00	...taken by John A. Miller.
" J. J. Blonz	125 00	...taken by J. B. A. Ahrens.
" J. Lane Borden	180 00	...taken by T. K. Faunt Le Roy.
" Joel Sanders	75 00	...taken by J. S. Sanders.
" Geo. M. Liverman	200 00	...taken by R. J. Harp.
" Horace D. Kimball	60 00	...taken by J. L. P. Sheppard.
Hansen Moss	65 00	...taken by Jacob D. Harper.
	$3,721 40	

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for Missions? Rev. Franklyn N. Parker, Treasurer of Board ol Missions, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr.

	By Churches.	By Woman's Miss. Society.	By S. Schools.	Totals.
New Orleans District	$2,187 20	$163 00	$229 71	$2,579 91
Shreveport District	913 75	.....	.....	913 75
Delhi District	526 35	.....	13 65	540 00
Arcadia District	651 55	.....	.....	651 55
Alexandria District	207 65	.....	.....	207 65
Opelousas district	556 35	.....	44 75	601 10
	$5,042 85	$163 00	$288 11	$5,493 96

Cr.

Paid T. B. Holt, Treasurer of General Board	$4,491 70	
Due Bills to be collected	105 95	
Vouchers	896 31	—$5493 96

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Dr.

To Balance from last year	$ 242 50	
To amounts collected from Churches	1,454 75	—$1,697 25

Cr.

By amonnts appropriated as follows:

New Orleans District:		
Lower Coast Mission, J. F. Scurlock	$125 00	
Thibodeaux Mission, E. T. Densen	150 00—$	275 00
Shreveport District:		
City Mission, J. M. Henry	$200 00—$	200 00
Alexandria District:		
Presiding Elder, J. I. Hoffpauir	$200 00—$	200 00
Opelousas District:		
Lake Arthur, J. L. Gibson	$200 00	
Sabine Mission, C. S. Coomb	100 00	
Plaquemine Brulee	150 00—$	450 00
Delhi District-		
Delhi and Tallulah, J. M. Brown	$ 50 00	
Waterproof, N. S. Cornell	50 00	
Floyd, W. F. Sanders	25 00—$	125 00
Arcadia District:		
Gansville, Philip Burkett	$175 00—$	175 00
		$ 1,425 00
By Unpaid Subscriptions		42 50
By amount paid last year for publishing Minutes		66 70
By amount paid this year for publishing Minutes		50 00
By voucher of Conference Treasurer		101 00
By cash in the Treasury		12 05
		$1,697 25

REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, 1890.

New Orleans District:		
Received from Felicity St. Auxiliary	$163 00	
Received from Louisiana Ave. Auxiliary	88 05	
Received from Donaldsonville Auxiliary	11 80	
Received from Baton Rouge Auxiliary	23 00	
Received from Baton Rouge Juvenile	22 00—$	307 58
Shreveport District:		
Received from Friendship Auxiliary	$ 54 90	
Received from Friendship Juvenile	9 25	
Received from Mansfield Auxiliary	19 75	
Received from Mansfield Juvenile	33 00	
Received from Grand Cane Auxiliary	49 90	
Peceived from Woodside Auxiliary	19 70	
Received from Shreveport Auxiliary	43 75	
Received from Shreveport Juvenile	86 27	
Received from Belle Bower Auxiliary	10 90	
Received from Greenwood Auxiliary	28 80	
Received from Pine Hill Auxiliary	16 00	
Received from Keatchie Auxiliary	10 00	
Received from Keatchie Juvenile	7 00—	389 22

Homer District:			
Received from Lisbon Auxiliary	8 27		
Received from Homer Auxiliary	61 95		
Received from Downsville Auxiliary	46 00		
Received from Downsville Juvenile	2 00		
Received from Ruston Auxiliary	26 75		
Received from Ruston Juvenile	16 70		
Received from Arcadia Auxiliary	9 70		
Received from Arcadia Juvenile	27 90		
Received from Homer Auxiliary	7 20—		206 47
Delhi District:			
Received from Bastrop Auxiliary	$ 28 00		
Received from Oak Ridge Auxiliary	32 85		
Received from Winnsboro Auxiliary	1 55		
Received from Winnsboro Juvenile	7 00		
Received from Delhi Auxiliary	12 25		
Received from Delhi Juvenile	7 19		
Received from Lake Providence Auxiliary	12 55		
Received from Lake Providence Juvenile	16 50		
Received from Waterproof Auxiliary	12 60		
Received from Waterproof Juvenile	10 80—		141 29
Alexandria District:			
Received from West Melville Auxiliary	$ 19 90		
Received from West Melville Juvenile	12 20		
Received from Colfax Auxiliary	27 00		
Received from Lecompte Auxiliary	3 50		
Received from Bunkie Auxiliary	8 90—		71 50
Opelousas District:			
Received from Opelousas Auxiliary	15 50—		15 50
Received from President of Conference Society, for Contingent Fund,	50 50—		50 50
Total Receipts		$	1182 33

Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, *Treasurer.*

Shreveport, La., Dec. 4, 1890.

Ques. 30. What has been contributed for Church Extension? The report of the Conference Board of Church Extension was adopted as follows:

Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Extension.

Rev. J. W. Medlock, *Treasurer.*

Dr.

To balance from last year	$ 522 57	
To collections this year	1,416 78	
To collections last year	20 25	
To Anniversary collections	185 05—	$2,144 65

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By amount paid General Board	$ 826	00	
By amount paid Logtown Church	100	00	
By amount paid Colfax Church	250	00	
By amount paid Lake Arthur Church	250	00	
By amount paid Baton Rouge Church	92	00	
By amount paid New Salem Church	100	00	
By amount paid Mission Board	66	65	
By amount paid Minutes	50	00	
By Balance	410	00	$2,144 65

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. W. F. Ashley, *Treasurer.*

Balance from last year	$ 79	62	
Collected this year	187	75	$ 267 37
Paid on Parker Loan Fund			10 00
Total amount for Church Extension			$2,422 02

Ques. 31. What is the number, and what is the estimated value, of Church edifices? 231, valued at $429,005. (For details, see Statistical Table).

Ques. 32. What is the number, and what is the value, of parsonages? 58, valued at $50,313,85. Value of other Church property, $, . (For details, see Statistical Tables.)

Ques. 33. What are the educational statistics? Amount assessed to charges, $1000. Amount collected from charges, $593 10. Centenary College of Louisiana has 10 teachers, 111 students and an Endowment of $55,000. The La. Conference's one-half of property is valued at $75,000 Mansfield Female College has 7 teachers, and 98 students, and the value of property is $30,000.

Ques. 34. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Alexandria, La.

Ques. 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—*C. F. Evans, P. E.*

Carondelet Street	Wm. H. La Prade
Felicity Street	John T. Sawyer, and Walter Dunstan Supernumerary
Rayne Memorial	James M. Beard
Moreau Street	Joseph B. Walker
Plaquemine and Donaldsonville	Samuel S. Keener
Carrollton and Gretna	Charles B. Carter, and Christian Keener, Supernumerary
Parker Chapel	Franklyn N. Parker
Louisiana Avenue	William Wimberly
Algiers	Henry S. Johns
Baton Rouge	James A. Parker
Grosse Tete and False River	Noel B. Norwood
Dryades Street	Alfred E. Clay

Craps Street and Soroparu.....J. B. A. Ahrens
Lower Coast Mission.....J. F. Scurlock
Thibodeaux and Houma.....E. T. Densen
Colporteur.....F. D. Van Valkenburgh
Editor of New Orleans Christian Advocate.....Chas. W. Carter
Editor of Familien Freund.....J. B. A. Ahrens

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—*R. J. Harp, P. E.*

Shreveport.....J. L. Pierce
City Mission.....J. M. Henry
Mooringsport.....E. L. Singeltary
Caddo.....S. H. Whatley
Mansfield.....J. B. Cassity
Many.....S. S. Holliday
Sabine.....William Schule
Grand Cane.....Thos. L. Lallance, and A. A. Cornett, Supernumerary
Anacoco and Bellewood.....To be supplied by J. C. Carnline
Pleasant Hill.....W. F. Henderson
Natchitoches.....A. D. M'Voy, Jr.
Coushatta.....J. E. Densen
Wesley.....J. B. Williams
Red River.....Stephen J. Davies.
Valley.....Reuben S. Colier
South Bossier.....Lewis A. Reed
North Bossier.....J. S. Sanders
De Soto.....H. J. Boltz
Mansffeld Female College.....A. D. M'Voy, Sr

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—*John A. Miller, P. E.*

Opelousas and Washington.....Thos. S. Randle
Plaquemine Brulee and Rayne.....R. M. Blocker and Robt. Harry
Lafayette and Crowley.....Charles E. McDonald
Abbeville.....Felix G. Hocutt
New Iberia.....Fitzgerald S. Parker
Franklin and Jeannerette.....Henry H. Ahrens
Lake Charles.....Thomas J. Upton
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....B. F. Alexander
Sulphur Mine.....To be supplied by F. N. Sweeney
Grand Cheniere.....Charles F. Staples
Indian Bayou.....W. B. Tilley
Lake Arthur.....To be supplied by J. L. Gibson
Sabine Mission.....C. S. Coomb

ALAXANDRIA DISTRICT—*Jas. Ivy Hoffpauir, P. E.*

Alexandria.....T. K. Faunt Le Roy
Lecompte and Evergreen.....J. H. Brown
Simmsport.....Wm. George Evans
Bayou Bœuf.....H. Milton Banks
Melville and Big Cane.....John M. Johnston
Spring Creek.....To be supplied by Silas H. Cooper
Sugar Town.....To be supplied by R. C. Grace
Montogmery.....William H. Hill
Ada.....R. M. Walker
Centreville.....Wilson Moore
Vidalia and Trinity.....J. J. Kelley and J. H. Calloway

Columbia.....Clayton M. yons
Boyce and Colfax.....Thos. B. White
Pineville.....John F. Wynn
Castor.....To be supplied by G. W. Garrett

ARCADIA DISTRICT—*J. L. P. Sheppard, P. E.*

Homer.....Robert Randle
Haynesville.....Harry W. May and H. W. Knickerbocker
Minden.....Joseph W. Medlock
Gibbsland.....John F. Foster
Ringgold.....Robert Parvin
Sparta.....C. R. Godfrey
Saline.....Benj. H. Sheppard
Arcadia.....Thos. H. McClendon and Charles T. Munholland
Summerfield.....J. O. Bennett
Ruston and Vienna.....Jacob D. Harper and Isaac T. Reames
Vernon.....Daniel C. Barr
Indian Village.....Robt. P. Howell
Downsville.....Robt. A. Davis
Farmersville.....William J. Porter
Gannsville, to be supplied by Philip Burkett and A. M. Wailes, Supernumerary

DELHI DISTRICT—*H. O. White, P. E.*

Monroe.....B. F. White
West Monroe.....J. E. Riddle
Bastrop.....H. Armstrong
Lind Grove.....George E. Greene
Delhi.....J. M. Brown
Floyd.....W. S. Sanders
Lake Providence.....Robert S. Isbell
Oak Ridge.....J. F. Patterson
Harrisonburg.....To be supplied by W. L. Hammel
Waterproof.....N. S. Cornell
Winnsboro.....To be supplied by T. B. Reneaud
Rayville.....Geo. A. Mandeville

TRANSFERRED:

Beverly Carradine to St. Louis Conference and stationed at Centenary Church in St. Louis; John H. Scruggs to S. W. Missouri Conference and stationed at Springfield; Joel T. Daves to North Georgia Conference and stationed at Marietta; and F. M. Grace to Holston Conference and appointed a professor in Hiawassee College.

SUPERANNUATES:

John Pipes, J. H. Stone, P. H. Diffenweirth, Jesse Fulton, E. W. Yancey, George Jackson, R. S. Trippett, Enos B. Foust, J. L. Wright, Marcus C. Manly.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1891.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.
New Orleans District	$2,350 00	$ 500 00	$ 593 75
Shreveport District	1,350 00	360 00	343 75
Arcadia District	1,350 00	360 00	343 75
Delhi District	1,250 00	315 00	322 50
Opelousas District	1,100 00	315 00	283 75
Alexandria District	600 00	150 00	212 50
	$8,000 00	$2,000 00	$2,100 00

	Conference Claimants,	Bishops.	Education	Ecumenical Council.
New Orleans District	$ 1,200 00	$ 320 00	$ 320 00	$ 62 00
Shreveport District	900 00	235 00	235 00	35 00
Arcadia District	830 00	225 00	225 00	35 00
Delhi District	630 00	170 00	170 00	25 00
Opelousas District	520 00	135 00	135 00	23 00
Alexandria District	420 00	115 00	115 00	20 00
	$4,500 00	$1,200 00	$1,200 00	$200 00

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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For Third Year: R. J. Harp, Jos. W. Medlock, Thomas B. White.

For Fourth Year: J. B. A. Ahrens, J. A. Parker. A. D. M'Voy.

UNDERGRADUATES.

First Year: Herman Willis Knickerbocker, Charles Albert Coomb, James Matthew Henry, Benjamin H. Sheppard, William F. Sanders, Henry M. Banks.

Second Year: Henry H. Ahrens, Isaac T. Reames, Wm. G. Evans, Richard M. Walker, Wm. Schule, Chas. E. McDonald, E. L. Singeltary.

Third Year: Walter Dunstan, Jno. F. Foster, T. L. Lallance, George E. Greene, A. D. M'Voy, Jr., Jas. J. Kelley, Chas. F. Staples.

Fourth Year: William F. Henderson, Wm. J. Porter, Jno. B. Williams, Jas. E. Riddle, Chas. B. Carter, Clayton M. Lyons, James E. Densen, William H. Hill.

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Rev. Thos. J. Upton, chairman; and Revs. Charles T. Munholland and Jacob. D. Harper.

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New Orleans District—Miss Kate L. Riggs, corner Carondelet and Upperline streets, New Orleans, La.
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Alexandria District—
Auditress—

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY.

The following was passed by a unanimous vote of the Louisiana Conference

WHEREAS, The fight is upon us, and the powers of sin, combined with vast sums of money, are seeking to corrupt and debauch the public morals of the

entire country; And whereas, it has been the established and well-sustained policy of the government of the United States of America to protect the life, health and morals of its citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that we respectfully and earnestly memorialize our representatives and senators in Congress to secure the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so as to prohibit the charter of lotteries by any State in our Union.

JAMES A. PARKER,
ALFRED E. CLAY,
JOHN T. SAWYER,
JOHN W. ADAMS.

WORLD'S FAIR AND COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

The following was unanimously adopted by the Louisiana Conference.

WHEREAS, The World's Fair and Columbian Exposition to be held in the City of Chicago in 1893 will wield a powerful influence in determining whether or not the Christian Sabbath, as a religious institution, shall be preserved to this country; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully memoralize the Management that it is the sense of the Methodists of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that the gates of the Exposition should not be opened to the public on the Sabbath.

JOSEPH W. MEDLOCK,
JAMES M. BEARD.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal, South, in Forty-fifth Session assembled, does hereby return most hearty thanks to the people of the cities of Monroe and West Monroe for their cordial reception, generous hospitality and kindly attention and interest in its proceedings shown by them: and we unitedly invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon them and especially upon the households in which we have been the happy and welcome guests during our session. Also, to the Railroads and Steamboats for reduced fare.

STEPHEN J. DAVIES,
JOHN F. FOSTER.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act to Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That John C. Keener, H. N. Tyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo. M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Conference may from time to time see proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name the corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contract, receiving and holding property for educa-

tional purposes and such charitable purposes as may from time to time be specified by the said Conference at its annual session, either by donation or purchase.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation, provided that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved, March 15, 1855.

ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

P. G. HEBERT,
Governor of the State Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERON.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. Charles W. Carter, John Pipes, Reynolds S. Trippett, B. F. Alexander, John T. Sawyer, Christian Keener, T. K. Faunt Le Roy, T. J. Williams.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to Conference of their proceedings, and all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of the District Conference:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers traveling and local, in the district; and second, of one lay delegate from every sixty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each circuit, station and mission in the district. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

TRUSTEES.

Rev. J. B. Walker, D. D., President; Dr. Jonn W. Adams, Secretary; John G. Grant, Treasurer; Bishop J. C. Keener, J. J. Lyons, M. D., W. B. Thomson, J. H. Campman, Benjamin O. L. Rayne.

LEGAL FORM OF INCORPORATIONS FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
Parish of——— — }

We, the undersigned, do hereby form ourselves into a Corporation, to acquire and enjoy the rights, privileges and powers of a body Corporate under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, approved March 14th, 1855, entitled "An Act for the Organization of Corporations for Literary, Scientific, Religious and Charitable purposes.

ARTICLE I.

The title of this Corporation shall be (here insert the title of the Corporation).

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Corporation are to acquire and hold lands, houses and other property, for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and who now hold, or may hereafter hold their membership at ———; it being especially intended to secure the said Church members a house in which they may worship Almighty God, and the free use of the pulpit to the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South, and also to secure a Parsonage for their Minister.

ARTICLE III.

The domicile of this Corporation shall be at———.

ARTICLE IV.

The members of this Corporation, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be a Board of Trustees, and they shall elect from among their number, at their first meeting, a President and a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are chosen. The Board of Trustees may remove these officers, and elect their successors, at any time by a majority vote. The property shall be held, and suits brought and defended, in the name of the President and Trustees of the (here insert the title of the Corporation). Citations shall be made upon the President, at his residence. In the execution of any deed or act of the Board of Trustees, the signature of the President shall be sufficient. Vacancies may occur in the Board, and shall be filled in the manner and by the authorities provided for the appointment of Trustees by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; and this Corporation shall be governed by the laws and usages of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the tenor and meaning of these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE V.

This Corporation shall continue and exist for ninety-nine years.

NOTE.—These Articles must be dated and signed in presence of two witnesses, by more than six members of the Methodist Church, and then taken to the District Attorney, who must examine and certify that it is in accordance with the law, and then the Articles must be recorded in the office of the Parish Recorder, after which the Board may meet, elect their officers, transact business, receive titles, etc.

CONFERENCE ROLL FOR 1891.

Name.	Postoffice.
John Pipes	Mansfield, La
P. H. Diffenweirth	Largo, Florida
James L. Wright	Vernon, La
B. F. Alexander	Morgan City, La
John A. Miller	Lafayette, La
B. F. White	Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La
T. H. McClendon	Arcadia, Bienville Parish, La
Jesse Fulton	Coushatta, La
Thomas J. Upton	Lake Charles, La
J. H. Stone	Ruston, La
John F. Wynn	Pineville, Rapides Parish, La
Henry O. White	Delhi, La
Charles W. Carter	New Orleans, La
Edwin W. Yancey,	Funny Louis, La
Marcus C. Manly	New Iberia, La
Robert Parvin	Ringgold, Bienville Parish, La
Robert A. Davis	Downsville, Union Parish, La
Robert Randle.	Homer, Claiborne Parish, La
Jos. W. Medlock	Minden, Webster Parish, La
C. R. Godfrey	Sparta, Bienville Parish, La
George Jackson	Lecompte, La
Reynolds S. Trippett	Doncaster, England
John M. Brown	Delhi, La
Enos B. Foust	Fort Jessup, La
Thos. S. Randle.	Opelousas, La
Jacob D. Harper	Ruston, Lincoln Parish, La
Robert S. Isbell	Lake Providence, La
Felix G. Hocutt	Abbeville, La
John T. Sawyer	New Orleans, La
Joseph B. Walker	New Orleans, La
Alfred E. Clay	New Orleans, La
John M. Johnston	Big Cane, La
N. S. Cornell	Waterproof, La
Lewis A. Reed	Houghton, La
James A. Parker	Baton Rouge, La
A. A. Cornett	Grand Cane, La
J. F Patterson	Oak Ridge, La
T. K. Faunt Le Roy	Alexandria, Rapides Parish, La
John B. Cassity	Mansfield, La.
A. M. Wailes	Gansville, La
Samuel S. Keener	Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, La
John L. P. Sheppard	Arcadia, La
James M. Beard	New Orleans, La
R. M. Blocker	Plaquemine Brulee, La
Charles T. Munholland	Arcadia, La
Reuben S. Colier	Bellevue, Bossier Parish, La
Samuel H. Whatley	Keatchie, DeSoto Parish, La
Charles F. Evans	New Orleans, La
Robert J. Harp	Shreveport, La
William Wimberley	New Orleans, La
F. D. Van Valkenburgh	New Orleans, La
Thomas B. White	Boyce, La
Stephen J. Davies	Bayou LaChute, Caddo Parish, La
Daniel C. Barr	Vernon, Jackson Parish, La

CONFERENCE ROLL FOR 1891—continued.

Name.	Postoffice.
J. B. A. Ahrens	New Orleans, La
H. J. Boltz	Pelican, La
Wilson Moore	Eden, La
J. F. Scurlock	New Orleans, La
Robert Harry	Plaquemine Brulee, La
James Ivy Hoffpauir	Bunkie, La
Franklyn N. Parker	New Orleans, La
J. S. Sanders	Rocky Mount, La
Henry S. Johns	New Orleans, La
H. Armstrong	Bastrop, La
J O. Bennett	Shiloh, Union Parish, La
Robert P. Howell	Calhoun, Ouuchita Parish, La
William H. Hill	Montgomery, La
Harry W. May	Haynesville, La
S. S. Holliday	Many, La
George A. Mandeville	Girard, Richland Parish, La
A. D. M'Voy	Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, La
J. H. Calloway	Trinity, La
Fitzgerald S. Parker	New Iberia, La
Christian Keener	New Orleans, La
William J. Porter	Farmerville, La
John B. Williams	Coushatta, La
James E. Riddle	West Monroe, La
Walter Dunstan	New Orleans, La
Chas B. Carter	New Orleans, La
Clayton M. Lyons	Columbia, La
William F. Henderson	Pleasant Hill, Sabine Parish, La
James E. Densen	Coushatta, La
John F. Foster	Gibbsland, La
George E. Greene	Brodnax, La
Arthur D. M'Voy, Jr.	Natchitoches, La
Charles F. Staples	Cameron, Cameron Parish, La
Thomas L. Lallance	Grand Cane, La
James Jefferson Kelly	Jonesville, Catahoula, La
William H. LaPrade	New Orleans, La
J. L. Pierce	Shreveport, La
J. H. Brown	Bunkie, La
E. T. Densen	Thibodeaux, La

ON TRIAL.

Henry H. Ahrens	Franklin, La
Isaac T. Reames	Ruston. La.
William G. Evans	Simmsport, La
Richard M. Walker	Ada, La
William Schule	Bayou Scie, La
Charles E. McDonald	Crowley, La
Henry Milton Banks	Babb's Bridge, La
E. L. Singletary	Mooringsport, La
Herman Willis Knickerbocker	Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, La
Charles Albert Coomb	Beckwith, Calcasieu Parish, La
James Mathew Henry	Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La
Benjamin H. Sheppard	Pine Ridge, La
William F. Sanders	Floyd, La

LAY DELEGATES.

New Orleans District.

John G. Grant,* Dr. Jno. W. Adams,
T. J. Reames, W. B. Thomson.

ALTERNATES.

H. S. Smith,* C. W. Chambers.

Arcadia District.

J. W. Dawson, Rev. B. H. Sheppard,
W. W. Guthrie, Prof. R. A. Smith.

ALTERNATES.

Doss T. Lane,* W. H. Mathews.*

Opelousas Distvict.

Capt. J. N. Pharr* W. B. Torian,*
U. T. Blacksher, Rev. W. B. Pilley.

ALTERNATES.

A. H. Trotter,* W. C. Chevis.*

Shreveport District.

L. H. Richardson,* J. B. Howard,
R. W. Freeman,* C. J. Foster.

ALTERNATES.

H. L. McLane, J. W. Nolan.*

Delhi District.

Dr. A. S. Helmick, D. W. McDuffie,
Jethro Moore, Saml. Whited.

ALTERNATES.

Alexandria District.

Rev. Geo. W. Bruce, A. A. Dean,
John B. Pickles, Sam. M. Barr.

ALTERNATES.

Dr. S. P. Ward,* H. G. Goodwyn.*

*Not present.

Reports of Boards and Committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

From the earliest days of our church history our fathers and their successors have recognized the power of the press to instruct the people, to disseminate truth, and to refute error. Our Publishing Houses and our church organs, the *Christian Advocates*, have been of incalculable service to us as a branch of the general church militant. We are the more impressed with the importance of the press as a means of spreading truth and resisting error from the fact that the enemies of inspired truth are using it to attack the Word of God, and to spread abroad their pernicious doctrines. It is noticeable that the enemy of all righteousness opposes, as long as he can, all that makes for righteousness. Good men were banished, imprisoned, tortured and persecuted unto death for printing the truth. But the enemy of all good could not stop the press; then, according to his wont, he hitched himself to it, and has sought to run away with it, and make it a means of hurt and destruction. The infidel books, reviews and newspapers plainly show the trend of Satan's policy. We cannot fight the devil with fire; he is understood to be an expert in that line. In such a contest we are likely to get the worst of it; but we can fight him successfully with the resistless weapons of truth and love. There is no instrumentality, outside of a consecrated pulpit, known to us that can be so effectively employed as the press and the printed page. Let us, therefore, more than ever, prize these most efficient of auxiliaries to spread among our people. and all peoples, the knowledge of God's saving truth.

Our Conference organ, the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, has never been so prosperous as now, having a larger circulation than ever before. Your committee assume that they but voice the sentiments of the Conference when they say they hail with satisfaction the re-election of our common friend and brother, Dr. Carter, as the editor of our Conference organ. The NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE deserves well of our people. It deserves a more extended patronage. It is in our power to increase its patronage and its interest, and make it more useful and attractive than ever before.

In regard to our organ, the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, we would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we approve the editorial and publishing management of the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That we will use our diligence to increase the circulation, and to collect the debts due to the paper.

Our Publishing House at Nashville is doing a large and prosperous business, publishing, and having on sale, many valuable books at prices as low as any other legitimate house can publish them. Let us encourage our people to read good books. Good reading is, of all our temporal pleasures, the purest, the cheapest and most lasting.

The *Christian Advocate*, our connectional organ, is every way better and more desirable than ever before; and wherever our people are able to take more papers than our own organ, we should encourage them to subscribe for our connectional organ.

Our *Quarterly Review*, published under the auspices of the General Conference, has for its editor a most scholarly and accomplished writer, and the pages of the *Review*, under his supervision, are replete with most instructive and interesting reading. We need such a publication as a vehicle for the expression of elevated and cultivated thought. Many of our laymen, and nearly all of our preachers, should be its subscribers and readers. Our *Review* certainly deserves a greatly enlarged edition.

The Sunday-school publication issued by our Publishing House, under the editorial supervision of Dr. Cunnyngham and John L. Kirby, are of a high order of merit, and are obtaining, as they deserve to do, a wide circulation—such as the *Sunday-School Magazine*, for teachers in all departments; the *Senior Quarterly*, for Bible classes; the *Intermediate Quarterly*, the Lesson Papers, and *Our Little People*. The *Sunday-School Visitor* is an able paper of its class, and beautifully printed and illustrated.

Your committee are pleased to recognize the fact that our Conference Colporteur, Rev. F. D. Van Valkenburgh, has been alive and successful in the distribution of the books of our Publishing House, and of other Publishing Houses. His depository is located at 106 Camp street, New Orleans, and is a convenience to our preachers and people.

J. B. WALKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We regret exceedingly that we have to report a lamentable decrease in nearly all items of Sunday-school statistics. We undertake no explanation of this decrease, but hope that the preachers will, during the next year, look after this matter, and that the work may be, at least, restored to its former prosperity. We have received as the proceeds of the Children's Day collection $151 80, and as the present presiding elders may not be prepared to estimate the wants of their successors, we have not made the usual appropriations to the districts; but the presiding elders may obtain the amounts needed from the treasurer, Rev. L. A. Reed.

We are glad to be able to report that since the last General Conference arrangements have been made to greatly increase the efficiency of our Sunday-school work.

We have had before us specimens of our Sunday-school literature but, as these various periodicals have been noticed in full by the Committee on Church Publications, we need do nothing more than give our unqualified endorsement, as we have done in the years past.

We regret to learn from statements made by several brethren that there is still a tendancy in some directions toward Union schools.

While we preach and practice a broad catholicity, yet we are fully persuaded that if we—as a denomination—would accomplish the whole work to which God has assigned us in the world, we must, in our own way and according to our own plans, take care of the children and youth of our land, and the prime agency in that work is the Sunday-school.

We would again call attention to the fact, that the great object of all Sunday-school work is the conversion of the souls of the children and young people. In all our efforts this one thing ought to be emphasized, and our teachers and superintendents ought to be satisfied with nothing short of that result.

We are of opinion that if the Sunday-school libraries, on sale at our Publishing House, were more generally introduced, great good would be accomplished.

Many of the young people of the land are disposed to read; and if good books are not at hand, they will read such publications as tend only to mental imbecility and moral ruin.

We again offer a recommendation which we have before presented, and which we reiterate because of its importance to our own success as well as to the success of the cause in general. We allude to Sunday-school organization. This is contemplated in the provisions of the Discipline, which refer to District and Conference Sunday-school Conventions.

In our Conference it has been considered a foregone conclusion that all eflort in that direction would prove a failure, and hence very little has been done. One great help to ourselves, in perfecting such organizations as we need, would be to enter heartily into the work of the International Sunday-school Convention.

In this way there might be aroused an interest and a zeal in all denominations that would more strongly outline itself upon our our own work, and thus develope a strength of which we are now unconscious.

Besides we would, in that way, be able to put ourselves on record in the annals of the Sunday-school work of the world, in a manner creditable to ourselves, as the Methodist Church in the great State of Louisiana.

Arrangements have been made to hold a State Convention in the City of New Orleans, commencing May 5 and closing May 7, 1891.

We urge our people to send delegates, and in the absence of any parish organizations, the presiding elders are requested to see that the Sunday-schools in their respective districts are represented, and they are requested to appoint the delegates.

Resolved, That during the ensuing Conference year, we will in our various charges inquire into the expediency and practicability of changing the hours of holding our Sunday-schools from 9.30 or 10 a.m., to some suitable hour in the evening, with the hope of increasing the attendance of our children on divine service.

J. M. Brown,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the District Conference Records for examination, present the following report:

We find upon examination that the record of the New Orleans District is well kept with the exception, that the President's name does not appear on the records.

The record of the Shreveport District we find well kept.

We find the record of the Homer District in good style, neatly and well executed.

In the record of the Delhi District, we find some interlineations and scratches which mar the beauty of the record.

The record of the Alexandria District we find neatly kept, except the last two pages which are smeared by some erasions and strips of paper pasted on the pages.

The record of the Opelousas District is not on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F WHITE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Holy Bible, the inspired word of God, is the recognized and accepted authority upon which the church is founded. The cardinal doctrines of this wonderful Book are *sin* and *holiness*; its great fact is *Christ*. Upon the teachings of this Book the minister descants and discourses, and upon it rests all the beautiful and speaking ordinances of the church.

The oldest of all books—now revered and accepted universally—it comes as a rich benison to every hamlet and mansion. To get its doctrines, precepts and promises lodged and fastened in every mind and heart is our chief and heaven-appointed work. To what extent is the blessed Book used in our families and closets? If this inquiry could be answered in every conscience the revelation might bring the crimson tint of shame. If the word of God "makes wise unto salvation;" if "the entrance of thy word giveth light," if its precepts and promises afford to faith's expectant vision new beauties and glories and revelations; if a strong, vigorous, robust Christian life and character can only be developed through its teachings and influence, then ought we to insist on its being reverently used so as to familiarize us with its spirit, in our closets, our families, our Sunday Schools, as well as in the public congregation. *Let nothing crowd out the Bible*, let the word of the Lord have "free course and be glorified." Thus imbued with its spirit as the potent agent of the Holy Spirit, will men be illuminated and saved.

To find the altitude of a mountain when you have the base line and angles is a very interesting problem in mathematics. Given the base line and the angles, the solution is rendered quite easy. The motion of the pendulum of a clock decreases as you ascend, so that approximate calculations and results have been made. But the most approved and used method by explorers is the barometer which falls one inch every thousand feet we ascend; and by the use of this simple instrument one of the most interesting problems of science is solved in the hands of the novice, so as to answer all practical purposes. We ask: What is the altitude of the "mountain of the Lord's house?" The Divine barometer—the Word of God—furnishes us the only means of its measurement.

We gratefully recognize the mighty work done by the American Bible Society in the circulation of the word of life, and we bid it God-speed in its work.

We welcome its authorized agents into our pulpits, and if they cannot come we will lift a collection in our respective charges, and ask our people to contribute liberally of their influence, prayers and means to further this noble and blessed work. We also commend the kind offer of the Society to furnish our S. Ss. at reduced rates.

THOMAS B. WHITE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of temperance, which is not only a question of gravity, but one lying at the very foundation of both the social and religious fabric, beg to emphasize the necessity of a strict adherence to our temperence creed as a church, as well as a warm espousal of all neighborly Christian effort looking to the promotion of this great cause. Not the least of the distinctions worn by that illustrious religious body, of which we are members, is her characterization wherever known as the temperance church; and this circumstance alone, if removed as far as possible from the arts of demagogism and the chicane of mere politics, should confer upon her a marvelous influence upon the political destinies of the race. The best government of earth is the best because it is most closely resembled to the ideal republic which glints upon us from the heaven of God's Word, and the keystone of the arch of that magnificent conception is, sweet temperance. Not because we love the church more or because we love the nation less; but because God has given to us the watchword of temperance to go before every reform of Church and State designed for permanence or catholicity let us be a temperance ministry and a temperance people. We owe it to everything that we hold sacred to hold this cause sacred, and to be the dearest enemies of Satan in combating that which he holds most dear. Not in the forum or on the hustings, but from the pulpit let us fight the common enemy. For prohibition as an issue at the polls there can be no hope for success as long as mean whisky is a legal tender for American votes, and, therefore, we must adopt other and more vigorous measures to save the country from the doom of temperance. Let us thunder against this foe from the high places of our commission to preach righteousness. Let us do it in season and out of season. For God and home and native land let us be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves and as unwearying as apostles in waging antagonism to that evil that is as high as the sovereignty of man and as wide as the world.

J. M. BEARD, Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Ignorance is the absence of learning, and *this* the mother of superstition; and although learning, in a classical sense, is not essential to salvation, it is essential to a correct understanding of the doctrines and principles of our holy religion and to an intelligent Christian life. We can not overestimate this fact. We find no moral and mental slavery where the intellectual training of the people has been broad and deep—reaching down to the philosophy of things, and reaching up to the power of the grace of God. All wrong education is inadequate and injurious education. People may be taught to think, but they must also be taught to *hear* and *obey*. Moral and intellectual independence is not necessarily any part of what is called "free thinking;" for "if the *Son* shall make you free, then are ye free indeed." Freedom of mind and heart is the power to act for one's self on the basis of one's responsibility to

the one great Sovereign of the universe. The student who is being trained for Christ, stands related to the teacher as the teacher stands related to God. All *wisdom* is from above; *knowledge* is derived from things about us. The higher intelligence unfolds the elements of truth, imparting the seeds thereof to the mind and heart of the student; hence we insist upon it that only he who has "the mind that was in Christ" is competent to train a man for Christ. The man whosemind and heart have been drawn out towards God is certainly better prepared to draw the hearts and minds of others in that direction than he who knows nothing of God. Man's highest destiny is eternity, and all culture should be designed to draw out his faculties for this highest destiny. Pious training is, therefore, of the very greatest importance; and the intellectual preception of the meanest hovel, if it leads to the fear of God, is richer, by far, in its ultimate results than all the scholasticism of Platoan schools. The human mind is the reservoir of the "truth as it is in Jesus." The imperfect mental training of the mother of Hume was, doubtless, the cause of her yielding to the sophistries of her infidel son, and renouncing, in her old age, the truths which had cheered and sustained her through her youth and early womanhood. Man is *one*—his body, heart and mind—just as the sun is one with his body, heat and light. Any impairment of one of the parts is a corresponding impairment of the whole. The trend of the world is to impair the whole man by dwarfing or impairing a part of his nature.

With the Bible relegated to the rats; with no prayer and no moral qualifications for teachers, dare we look to the "common school" for the education of our people? The common school is not necessarily baneful; but if its instruction is properly complemented at home, and its beginnings properly completed under teachers who "fear God and keep his commandments," its price runs up "far above rubies." But an education begun and carried on under conditions which do, or may, eliminate all the moral points of an education, is necessarily hurtful, if not actually ruinous to the student; therefore, higher education by the State is not to be endorsed. Let the State see to it that none are ignorant; that every one shall have a common school training; but let the *Church* see to it that this foundation be properly adjusted and the superstructure solidly built. Can this be done without an endowment fund? No one supposes, for a moment, that opposition to private enterprise is an intentional feature of the system of higher education at public expense. Still, every one who has looked into the subject with the least carefulness has been impressed with the necessity of this result. Antagonisms arise, first, *indirectly*, by the offer of "free tuition" to a very small per cent. of the population, and thereby encouraging the clamor for cheaper schools, and bidding for patronage "tuition free," right at the doors of institutions which, without these fees, could not continue business. *Directly*, antagonism arises from the neglect of the common school training by diverting the funds needed there in the preparation of the masses for higher schools to those schools of higher grade under the patronage of public taxes, thereby compelling higher schools, both private and public, no matter of what grade, to keep up a primary department.

If the church of God in this Christian land is responsible for anything, it is for the Christian education of its people What may be done in the future no mortal can tell; but in the past it has been impossible to overcome the temptation of "free tuition" pleaded against our colleges, The laws establishing and governing these free tuition colleges and universities are beyond our control, We can not repeal them if we would, nor would we if we could; but we can. and we must, put our Christian schools on a plane as high and as attractive as that on which these secular schools is established.

This is a great work, and can not be done without an effort which will challenge the best powers of our best men.

Under many disadvantages, and in the face of conflicting interests, our colleges have had a season of unusual and encouraging prosperity.

The overture from the Citizens' Committee of Alexandria does not present to the Board, nor the Conference, any question upon which either the one or the other is authorized to act without the concurrence of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College.

We are of the opinion that the time has come for more vigorous and earnest action in the interest of both of our colleges, and that serious results may follow further delay.

We find, on inquiry, that the growth of the patronage at Mansfield has rendered the present arrangement of the buildings there inadequate to the demands of the patronage, and that improved facilities must be afforded in the near future.

We have, on several previous occasions, referred to these facts, and urged the Conference to take steps whereby the needed improvements can be made.

Referring again to sentiments previously expressed in this report, and desiring to overcome, as far as possible, the obstacles that are in the way of success, we recommend the appointment of an agent for Centenary College, whose duty it shall be to travel over the Conference and solicit funds for the endowment of that institution.

The sum of forty-five dollars has come to the treasury of the Board of Education on account of Paine and Lane Institute, for colored teachers and preachers, which sum has been ordered to the proper authorities.

Resolved, That the Conference extend a hearty welcome to the commissioner of said Institute whenever he may visit our borders.

Believing that much good comes from proper agitation, and that our Christian duty lies in the line of Christian education, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That Sunday, February 15, next, be observed as Centenary Day in all our stations, and that in our missions and circuits each successive Sunday until a sermon shall be preached on Christian education, and a collection taken up at each of the appointments for the endowment of "Centenary College of Louisiana," and that all moneys thus collected be sent at once to Prof. Wiley, at Jackson, La.

J. A. PARKER, *President.*

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

While listening to the report on Parsonage work we hope you will bear in mind the fact that it has had a hard struggle for life since its existence in the Louisiana Conference. Very soon after this department was added to our church work, this Conference elected a most efficient Secretary; but in the mysterious providence of God she was suddenly stricken down in ill health, and thereby rendered physically incapable of performing the duties of the office. Greatly to the regret of those who placed her at the head of this work, she resigned her position; and, in consequence thereof, the work was not advanced any for two years or more. At our last Annual Conference the resignation of our former Secretary was reluctantly accepted, and another appointed to the office.

This report may fail in accuracy in some respects, for the reason that some of our Corresponding Secretaries have made no report whatever of work done by their auxiliaries this year, while others have reported very irregularly. Without *full* and *prompt* reports from our Corresponding Secretaries, it is impossible for the Conference Secretary to make a correct report, and it is very important that *hers* be a full and accurate exhibit of the work, throughout our Conference, if we wish

to get credit for what we *are* doing, in the report sent out annually by our General Secretary.

According to reports in hand we have 15 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 254. Of these, 13 are adult, with a membership of 186, and 2 juvenile, with a membership of 68. I will, here, state that all these Auxiliaries, except two, are in the New Orleans District.

We have no report to make on "Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund," as no such fund has been established in this Conference. As we have already intimated, this work, in the Louisiana Conference, is yet in its infancy. We hope, however, ere long, to get all the machinery, belonging to this department, in motion.

Two Auxiliaries have established a "Local Fund" for the benefit of local work and I am glad to state that one Auxiliary has on hand one hundred and odd dollars for local purposes. As yet, no report has been made by any of the Auxiliaries of "Special Donations" for local or general work

Our Conference Treasurer's report will show what has been collected during the year in regular dues, mite-boxes, etc. I would not attempt to make a financial report, as, I have before stated, some have failed to make any report whatever.

Notwithstanding this exhibit is very meagre in comparison with that of other Conferences, under the circumstances, we feel that we have great reason to be thankful, take courage, and press forward, remembering the precious promise that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

We are glad that we have the opportunity of presenting the Parsonage Cause to so many of the brethren, and friends, at the same time.

This work, as you all doubtless know, is an annex to church extension. As the design of church extension is to build churches where the people are not able to build for themselves, so is the Parsonage Society, to build, and assist in building, Parsonages, wherever the people are not able, within themselves, to provide homes for those who are sent to minister to them in spiritual things.

There has been a long-felt need in the church, in this direction; and just how to meet that need has as long been a perplexing problem. But it has at last been met. It was a grand and happy thought that originated in the mind of Miss Lucinda B. Helm, and others, to devise some plan by which the women of the church could provide the means necessary to supply this *great* and *increasing* demand *of* the church.

Four years ago this thought was presented to the Board of Church Extension, and by a committee from the Board, it was in the form of a memorial, presented to our General Conference. It was favorably considered by that body; was formally incorporated, and has since been recognized as a department of church work and known as "Woman's Department of Church Extension." The name did not explain the object of the work; therefore some had a very vague idea, and many had no idea at all why this "extra burden" should have been *imposed* on the church. For this reason, and others, it was decided by our last General Conference that this organizaiion should be called "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society." The name explains the work and its design.

All these good Pastors and their noble wives know what the word *Parsonage*, in its true sense, means. They are capable of appreciating all that is embodied in that word, and I fear there are some under the sound of my voice who realize, in all its *desolateness*, the meaning of the words—*no Parsonage*. Therefore, dear brethren of the ministry, we, the women, into whose hands this sacred and important trust has been committed, feel that we can confidently claim your sympathy in our efforts to prosecute this work to a successfnl end.

We have often heard the brethren assert that they could not get along without the good women of the church. "The good women" are not lacking in their appreciation of such a tribute to them as helpful co-laborers, yet the good women are free to confess that the dependence is mutual. Therefore, brethren, realizing as we do, that the success of our work depends, in a great measure, on the attitude you assume toward it we have come here to make an earnest, personal appeal, in behalf

of the helpless and the suffering, for your support and influence. We ask, not only your sympathy and your prayers, we *want*, we *need* your *hearty* and *active co-operation*.

When you return to your respective charges carry this work on your hearts; present it to your people from your pulpits; explain to them your object and the *necessty* of it; that it is to build homes for the Pastors and their families throughout the church, wherever needed, and especially for those self sacrificing servants of God, who have gone forth with their helpless families, "carrying neither purse nor script," to proclaim the everlasting gospel of peace, to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, even in this Christian land of ours. And on the minds of the Laity I would like to impress this fact. The Parsonage-building is as much, and as important, a part of church work, as any you may mention; and is worthy of our earnest consideration and best efforts.

The Itinerant system precludes all possibility, except in a very few instances, of a Methodist minister making a home, and gathering about him those surroundings so necessary to the comfort and pleasure of home-life. When these noble men and women enter the itinerancy they relinquish all claims to permanency. They consecrate their time and talents to the Lord and his cause;—trusting fully to the generosity of the church for the provision of all material comforts.

Now, in view of this fact, what is our duty as Christians, in this matter? I will leave the question for our own hearts and consciences to answer. This work *ought* to commend itself to our hearts, in that it lies so near the heart of our blessed Master. For does he not promise a blessed inheritance to those who minister to him through his servants?

Hear the words of commendation as they fell from the lips of the loving Savior—"Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in"

The reports coming to us constantly from our Western Border work show the *imperative need*, and the importance of onr coming speedily to the relief of our missionaries in that field. So, by contributing a portion of our time and substance, let us help to lighten the burden of those who have sacrificed everything, in a worldly sense, and gone among those benighted people that they may teach them the way of Life.

You can imagine what a mixed element our missionaries have to contend with out in the far West, where every nation of the earth is represented, and for the most part Godless, stupefied in vice and superstition. Yet, there some on whose minds the Light has dawned; and they are crying out "Come over and help us." Shall it be recorded of us that we withheld the gospel from these, or any others, by failing to render the assistance required at our hands, in order to keep our missionaries in the field? Surely not.

We have only to read the bountiful supply of literature that is being published on this subject, and scattered broadcast over this Southland, to be thoroughly informed and know what a grand work our missionaries are doing on the frontier, and at the same time learn to what unheard of sufferings and hardships they and their dependent families are exposed, because of the *cruel indifference* of those from whom they have a right to expect sympathy.

To say that these chosen men of God, with their frail wives and tender little ones, are driven to the necessity of living in sheds roughly thrown together—often times by their own hands, and holes dug in the mountain side, and worse still, in tents, as their only protection from cold, wind and rain, is no tale of fiction, but a sad and shameful truth. My friends, this state of things ought not to exist in this civilized country and this land of plenty. How can we stand before the "Judge of all the earth" and answer for these things, if we heed not these appeals?

If the Lord of glory were to come, in person, to your house or mine, and ask to be our guest, how honored we would feel. We would extend to him a most cordial welcome; invite him into the best room; give him the most comfortable

chair; prepare for him a repast of the very best our larder could furnish; and after all, regret that we could not offer him a more sumptuous hospitality.

My dear friends, these people who are appealing to the church for help, are Christ's ambassadors; they are here in Christ's stead, trying through the preaching of His gospel to "draw all men unto Him." They are obeying the command—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and as they stand at the post of duty—where the Great Captain and Lord of hosts has placed them,—striving to beat back the great tide of iniquity that has so long swept, unchecked over that Western country, they look back with anxious, yet hopeful, expectant hearts towards the rising of the sun, and we catch the earnest heart cry as it is borne to us o'er mountain and plain—"help us! help us!" My dear brethren, is it not the voice of the suffering "Son of Man who had not where o lay his head," that we recognize in those earnest pleadings? Yea, verily, and if we, as a church, or individually, fail to respond, we shall stand just as guilty in the sight of God, as if we had refused to minister to his dear Son. "In as much as ye did it *not* to one of the least of *these*, ye did it not to *me*."

These "chosen of God" have, in answer to the "call," gone to this arduous work—attended by dangers, sore trials, anxieties and discouragements, with the faith in their hearts that the church will take care of its own; and if we, by our neglect of duty to them and their families, force them to abandon the field to the enemy, —be assured the blood of those perishing souls, for whom Christ died, will be on us.

God help us to be aroused to a sense of our duty on this line.

SALLIE S. KING, *Corresponding Secretary*,
Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The President of the Conference Society spoke as follows:

There are so many lines of duty presented to the consecrated heart that it is hard to confine one's best efforts to any particular work. We endorse all Conference claims, Education, Home Missions, Church Extension. Every one appeals to our hearty support, but over and above every consideration rises the last comprehensive command of the Saviour as He stood on the Mount of Ascension, between two worlds. Our own home should be well ordered, and "he who provides not for his own is worse than an infidel," but the great commission was: tell it in the uttermost parts. If we wait until *all* home demands are satisfied, we thrust the "coming day" far, far into the cycles of future time. I am only a woman with feeble powers, but, as a child of God, this cause appeals to my heart over poweringly, and, if our organization were dissolved, still there would be a Missionary Society of one member established in my own heart. While this same feeling burns in the hearts of 70,000 women and children of the W. F. M. S., failure is hardly probable.

She then read the following report:

Two years ago, in fear and trembling, I stood before you to urge the claims of the W. M. S. I was graciously received, and you pledged us your support. To-day I come again rejoicing, for I feel that I am with friends, and the kindly faces of many who have "helped those women" inspires me with confidence.

The issue of the day brought face to face with Christianity, is Missions. In behalf of a part of the church, I would like to say a few words bearing on this subject, and my theme is still

WOMAN'S WORK.

In the beginning when darkness brooded over the deep, God said, "Let there be light," and the material world sprang into life. Even so, the chaotic heart of humanity must remain shrouded in spiritual darkness until the light of revelation flashes its revivifying beams over the stormy abyss. This light has come to us, and as we stand in its blinding effulgence, looking out over the vast expanse of creation, the bounds of heathendom, by contrast, seem a world of darkness without form and void. The voice of God and His Christ has bid us carry the light to this benighted region. Glimmerings of light have penetrated the darkness, revealing the depths of danger to imperilled ones, and their cries for more light come wailing across the seas

The command to go to their relief has come to us, and while we tarry, millions are losing their way. The work for the church is to go, *tell* the glad tidings, the proof is the work of the Spirit. As a part of the church of God, the women have heard the call. Only a small number as yet have thought it worth while to put their candle on a candelstick, but the W. M. S. will not relax their efforts until every woman and child holds out a rushlight towards the wilderness. It was a holy impulse in the hearts of devout women which first prompted the work of enlisting the women and children, and, "never in the past has the cause of missions taken such a leap forward as since our arms have been stretched out to the helpless women and children of heathendom." There is no question in our own hearts as to the propriety of the work. We enjoy home, friends, freedom, comfort and luxury as the boon of Christianity. We would be recreant to our best impulses if we were not anxious to arouse every woman of this favored land to the personal duty of carrying these blessings to the homeless, friendless bondwomen of other lands. This, and this alone, is the object of the W. F. M. S., and the fruits of our past labors encourage us to pray hopefully for the speedy time when the message shall reach to the "uttermost parts."

We hear much of the need of missions. The eloquence of pulpit and press seems to rebound from the golden mail of the great congregation when a church of more than a million members representing millions of God's gold, complains of being *taxed* to support a few missionaries in the field. There is something radically wrong, and we want to help you to demolish the golden idol in the camp. The women have great influence and agency right here, and if this matter is brought home to their hoarts, before another generation, the whole church, men, women and children will march a solid phalanx into the heart of heathendom.

We are an acknowledged factor in the world's evangelization, and the church was assigned as a post of duty. It would seem that the apologetic period has passed, and that nothing remains but for us to be about the Master's business in perfect harmony with all the laborers. We cannot believe that any are antagonistic, but to our sorrow, we are painfully conscious that some are not in sympathy with us, or at best, are so lukewarm that their faint praise is worse than silence. There is a mistake somewhere, the harvest is white, women have responded to the Master's call at the eleventh hour, why should these willing laborers find the gates closed against them? I am persuaded that all opposition arises from an honest fear in honest hearts that we will in our enthusiasm overstep the bounds of our prescribed limits. To man in a generic sense the command was issued, go. If the order was specific, and woman has assumed authority in pressing forward, it is only because the command has been so long unheeded, and the *call* from beyond so urgent. Barak refused to lead the armies of Israel, and the honor of victory was given unto the hand of a woman.

But even with a host of "governors of Israel who offer themselves willingly" in the front of the battle, I would like to direct your attention

to the fact that Woman's Mission Work is in strict accordance with the order of creation.

Woman's position has provoked much discussion, and strong arguments have favored her exaltation to what in common phrase is termed the *high places*. This seems to me a violation of the design of Providence except probably in very isolated cases.

They were created twain in one, man *first*, woman *second* and *subordinate*. All the arguments of all the learned schools can never gainsay this relative creation. A help-meet for him, and only when man fails to press forward from weakness or want of courage, is it in accordance with God's plan for woman, the reserve force to come to the front. It is right and proper for man to claim and maintain his high priestly office as head, but Brethren, you mistake in suspecting that we covet your position for we claim that our subordinate creation was crowned with still greater honor. We would not relinquish the tender sacred memories which cluster around woman's estate for any jewelled mitre, or radiant crown worn by a kingly head. We are ever mindful that the disobedience of our first mother "brought death into the world, and all our woe," but we treasure in our glad hearts the loving promise, that "the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." If through woman's fall came the curse upon mankind, what plan could be more consistent with God's boundless mercy than that through redeemed woman's instrumentality, the folds of black sin are to be rolled from off the world's spiritual darkness? Our weakness is God's strength, our foolishness is His wisdom. We are content with our allotted place and "love much because we have been forgiven much." It is only a high appreciation of our mercies which reminds us of our weighty obligations. There is more in woman's realm to employ head, heart and hands, than time wherein to accomplish. The wrongs of Legislation are legion, but woman's place in the reformation is at the fountain head. When she meets her obligations, men will become spiritual giants, amply competent to right all issues of Church and State. A gifted missionary sister sounds the right note when she answers this question, "Why should woman be left out of high and holy places?" "Because God has a higher and holier place for her. She is the appointed priestess of the home altar, the ordained teacher and guide of immortal souls before the stain of sin has touched them; the keeper of God's jewels. His own Son assumed humanity through a woman, and was subject to her will, and dependant on her care until he went about his Father's business. What greater trust, honor or distinction could be given than to be guardian of this marvellous gift to a perishing world? Is it not enough to satisfy the loftiest ambition? It is the trail of the serpent that blinds our spiritual vision when we fail to see the beauty and magnitude of our office." Our Father gave us the sheltered spot of the garden, but he assigned us his tenderest blessings. The wise gardener knows the importance of early, persistent and indefatigable culture for the young plants in the nursery if he wants vigorous trees for transplanting. But if we are to be trainers of infant minds, what then! Does it follow that we must become so absorbed in our own homes, that we must shut our eyes and ears to the calls from suffering ones over the gates! Must we close our hearts to the cries for help which ring through the air! or must we slip the superfluous penny into the collection basket for the needy and so disburden our conscience of all further responsibility!

This system has been at work for ages and has well nigh proven the contracting chamber whose walls have closed in and in until they have crushed out the spiritual life of its votaries. Why not endorse a wiser, more ennobling plan?

Man's mission is to evangelize the whole world. What part is there in this work for his helpmeet? Is there no place in the Church for woman's busy

hands and consecrated brain? Most assuredly the place was made ready from the beginning. Woman's work pre-eminently is in the nursery of Christ's household of faith—here as everywhere she is the helpmeet for the perfect creation. It is the children we are training. In succeeding generations they will hold the reins of government, and then, if our work has been faithful, the crisis of missions will have passed. To reach the children we must arouse the mothers who have hitherto but feebly realized their responsibility in the treasures God has committed to them.

The necessity for early missionary training has been felt by the Church, as evidenced in the recent move to organize the Sunday schools into missionary societies. It may be that this arrangement will eventually absorb the Juv. Missionary Societies. If so, then you will see the thirty-one thousand children of the Woman's Board of Missions bright lights of the new order because of their prior training. We are jealous only for the success of the cause, and for the present at least there is room for all missionary effort.

Our Board is established and in good working order. It appeals pathetically to fortunate women and children in behalf of benighted, unfortunate women and children.

It cultivates the spirit of consecration in the small things of every day life, educates in the principle of systematic giving and prepares the heart soil for the good seed which the strong-handed laborers scatter broadcast. This work in no manner interferes with your ministerial duties. It rather increases the spirituality of your charges and swells your own collections. It involves no compromise of womanly propriety and only makes better wives and mothers. It incites to self denial for the unfortunate sisters of heathendom and more expenditure of self for the dear ones whom God has entrusted to our care. It need not lessen one home duty, but rather sanctifies the homeliest labor. It infuses the spirit of Mary's worship into Martha's loving service. This is the work devised by the women, authorized by the Church and crowned with success by the Master. It has not only impelled many of our women to plant homes—aye, and even graves in other lands—but it has uplifted the consecrated home workers to a higher, nobler life. Our missionaries say they need the women in foreign countries. Brethren, as ministers of the gospel, looking after the best interests of the Master, can you ignore our help in the home land? The Woman's Missionary Society has been called the child of Providence. It has grown in twelve years to phenomenal proportions. We invite your consideration for the reports of our State Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. If you endorse our work—and most of you do—if you have an eye single to the glory of the coming Kingdom, can you withhold from the Woman's Missionary Society the help which you alone can give, and without which the cause must suffer? And would you have us define the help which we feel we have a right to ask? It is simply to aid us in reaching those women who have "a lamentable lack of desire for real thorough instruction." We want to arouse them to a sense of their duty in this God-given work. We have scattered the missionary literature at our command and written letters by the hundred, and still we make slow progress. Many have not so much as heard of the Woman's Missionary Society, or, having heard, think it a subject of small consideration. At our last Annual Conference we made an effort reaching outward by trying to establish a little publication as a medium of communication, but this fell through for want of support. Our own church organ voices three conferences and *our* specific work is crowded out. We are willing workers. Our time and ability are free will offerings, but in reaching out towards the bounds of the Conference we are working at long range without a steady fulcrum. Face answereth unto face, and voice respondeth to voice in this as in other matters. You have the ear and eye of every Methodist in the State, and I presume it is your duty to present as forcibly as possible every interest of the Church.

Brethren, I leave it with your conscience whether this work in behalf of two-thirds of the human family lies in the line of your duty or is it, as it has been lightly termed by some good men, only "a wayside issue."

MRS. THOS. P. FULLILOVE, *Pres. W. F. M. S., La. Conf.*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society herewith presents to you a record of the year's work for the cause in which we know that you, with ourselves, have a vital interest.

Woman's work in your own borders has, perhaps, been ably presented to you through the President of this Woman's Missionary Society. You see our need: you will recognize how difficult is success in this line unless the Pastors go before and prepare the way of the Lord, not only by recognition, but by warm encouragement and vigorous effort.

It is with profound regret that we report no increase in membership since the last Conference, the number at this time being 1566–883 adult and 683 juvenile. Adult auxiliaries number 44, juveniles, 15. Every one of these we believe might become a force of incalculable value to the Church with a little careful and spiritual supervision and instruction. *We* can reach them but by the inadequate medium of pen and paper; you, by words of fire and hearts aglow with the love which inspires. To you, therefore, we would commit them. We beseech you that you will bear this cause on your hearts and carry it with you to your various fields of labor, developing the waste material which lies waiting in so many homes; women, consecrated and loving, and, like Mary, longing to do something for their Lord if they only knew what.

We have distributed a large amount of missionary literature during the year, and have reason to believe that while visible results seem small the leaven is hid in the meal only for a time.

Two young women from our State desire to present themselves to the Woman's Board as missionaries to the foreign fields, and will do so at an early date. For such signs as these we thank God and take courage. There remains no fear but that the "old story" will be told and heard to the uttermost parts of the earth, but what we do we must do quickly, and we earnestly entreat your coöperation and unceasing prayers.

MRS. C. J. FOSTER, *Conf. Cor. Sec. W. M.*

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Our church has every encouragement to infuse more zeal into our Missionary operations. Successes phenomenal in character have honored every forward step, and with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit every field entered has native ministers now preaching as the stamp of Divine approval upon our toiling Missionaries. And every field except one has become consecrated ground because we have men buried in all of them, and we cannot desert our dead upon the field, or retire from the land where sacred ashes are entombed.

The command is to speak every man to his neighbor, till there is a line from East to West girdling the globe, and from every mouth passes the great battle cry of Christians, "Know the Lord." To the nearest and farthest must our voices be borne, to all in the bonds of iniquity, the inertiæ of death. The

folds of darkness are over their minds and hearts, yet to all God commands us to speak "Know the Lord."

While we speak here to our neighbors, we must have a voice in Japan, in China, in Mexico, in Brazil, speaking in tones melting, overpowering, mighty, the same words, Oh! dying sons of men, "Know the Lord." We stand in the presence of an advanced movement, a call for more vigorous operations, a bold and aggressive front to all the dense bigotry and semi-idolatry of Mexico and Brazil; an increased force to speak to the millions of China who have not heard the most distant indistinct echo of the Gospel Message; as well as investing Japan, already gladly receiving our messages, more completely.

If the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon our Church operations are to be construed into the voice of God, then the necessity is laid upon us to quadruple our force in Japan, and to begin to act as becomes those who are trying to take that kingdom for Christ.

The church has never felt her gifts. They have been so meagre that there has been no self-denial, no self-sacrifice, no deep generosity that is born from the travailing of a heart that has experienced deprivation in order to give to the Lord. Giving until we feel it, giving until it causes self-abnegation, giving until some of our needs are unsupplied, is the most fruitful giving, both to giver in blessings and in the power of the gift because it is sent forth with many prayers. If our Beloved Church would give till they felt it, what a host would be in our Foreign Fields. So with our Conference if this generosity obtained we would have a score from our own State representing us in that vast expanse of death in Japan and China.

The vast mercantile enterprises that reach forth into every territory, every post that is opened in the farthest confines of earth, put the Church to the blush and shame us for the laggard that she is. The East India Company of London captured India and turned it over to England in less time than our church has been in China. These princely merchants are broader in their views and operations when they have only the enthusiasm of avarice to move them on, and we are supposed to be moved by the height and depth, the length and breadth of the love of Christ that passeth knowledge. Are the operations of love more contracted, narrower than those of avarice, selfishness? May that love be deepened, intensified, so that the children of Mammon may not put us, the children of Light, to the blush.

The Domesticated Missions of our own Conference have progressed somewhat, but not with the vigorous step of rapid growth. They are kept alive by the meager appropriations and the feeble efforts of local preachers who supply them, but they will never develop into good circuits till they are served by superior itinerants supported by our Board. Year by year there is appropriated barely enough to induce local brethren to take charge of these missions and keep them nominally alive, when we should occupy this territory by some of our best circuit preachers upon full salaries.

But the money and the men are lacking through our want of faith and the grace of liberality. The need of an educated, thorough French Wesleyan Minister is still upon us that our French population may be converted.

The cry goes forth, how long! oh, Lord! how long! shall this sad darkness and death hang over thousands in our State and we not able to say to them "Know the Lord."

It is with unfeigned pleasure we note an increase in our collections, though slight. God hasten the day in our own State and in the vast world when no man will have to say to his neighbor "Know the Lord," for they shall all know Him "from the least even unto the greatest."

S. S. KEENER, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT I. **Table of Memberships, Baptisms, and Church Property.**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of White Members.	No. of Colored Members.	Total Members this year.	Additions on Prof. of faith.	Additions by Certif. and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Cert. and otherwise.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.
Carondelet street	6	807	2	809	76	32	8	30	8	1	35,000	....	1,313 85	140,000	.....
Felicity street	....	450	1	451	30	18	44	9	9	1	31,500	....	.....	.....	674 10
Rayne Memorial	....	265	....	265	15	15	20	12	....	1	41,500	....	.....	500	200 00
Dryades street	1	106	....	106	7	5	....	7	1	1	18,000	1	2,000 00	535	4,000 00
Moreau street	....	140	....	140	10	....	30	7	....	1	20,000	...	.....	.....	500 00
La. Avenue	1	190	....	190	17	4	2	12	3	1	5,000	...	.....	6,279	51 00
Algiers	....	101	....	101	10	17	1	17	1	1	5.000	1	2,000 00	150	100 00
Gretna	...	25	....	25	4	....	....	5	....	1	3.200	...	.....	100	400 00
Soroparu and Craps street	....	130	...	130	9	1	3	4	....	2	6,800	2	1,200 00	.....	20 00
Baton Rouge	4	342	...	342	13	7	11	24	7	2	25.850	1	2,000 00	340	430 00
Plaquemine & Donaldsonville	1	85	....	85	8	2	2	4	4	2	6,500	1	1.400 00	100	600 00
Grosse Tete and False River	1	85	....	85	6	1	2	2	1	3	3,500	....	.....	85	....
Carrollton and Parker Chapel	....	127	....	127	6	7	18	....	....	2	7,000	....	.....	500	300 00
Lower Coast Mission	....	24	....	24	12	....	...	23	2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Total	14	2877	3	2880	223	109	150	156	36	19	$208,850	6	$9913 85	$ 148,589	$7275 10

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	....	388	....	388	....	....	....	10	...	1	40.000	....	.....	.....	.....
Mooringsport	2	224	....	224	11	4	18	11	3	4	2,900	1	500	.....	100 00
Caddo	1	268	....	268	12	9	53	8	7	6	4 830	1	1,150	525	25 00
Mansfield	....	160	...	160	8	8	15	4	2	1	2.500	1	2,000	125	243 80
Many	4	805	1	806	48	20	18	9	24	6	3,000	1	100	100	150 00
De Soto	....	258	....	258	43	7	12	1	24	4	1,800	1	500	.....	231 00
Grand Cane	2	198	....	198	.....	.....	....	5	21	3½	4,730	1	500	.....	730 65
Anacoco and Bellewood	5	350	1	351	20	10	4	14	20	5	800	....	.....	150	50 00
Pleasant Hill	....	373	....	373	.. .	45	....	4	14	3	4,405	1	500	200	.....
Natchitoches	....	134	....	134	7	4	14	7	4	2	6.500	....	.....	25	426 30
Coushatta	1	116	....	116	2	14	9	3	2	3	2,950	1	500	50	525 00
Wesley Circuit	3	305	....	305	20	10	10	11	5	4	1.400	1	300	160	76 75
Red River	....	12	....	12	1	....	....	....	....	2	2,000	1	800	.....	200 00
Valley Circuit	....	195	....	195	4	2	59	1	3	3	2,600	1	100	.....	.....
South Bossier	....	222	....	222	10	46	10	7	10	4	4,000	...	.....	.....	75 35
North Bossier	....	229	....	229	14	2	4	17	6	4	2,000	1	250	150	4 00
Total	18	4237	2	4239	200	181	226	112	145	55½	$86,415	12	$7,200	$1,485	$2837 85

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	....	87	....	87	20	7	....	3	5	1	3,890	1	2,000	1,200	2,832
Le Compte and Boyce	1	212	....	212	40	11	3	48	23	4	3,500	1	300	6	50
Evergreen	....	200	....	200	7	6	15	5	4	4	5,000	1	300	350	413
Simmsport and Mellville	....	220	....	220	4	4	5	9	1	4	3,900	....	.....	.....	6
Spring Creek	5	391	....	391	....	...	....	30	2	6	2,900	1	400	1,000	.....
Sugar Town	1	250	....	250	21	1	5	2	9	2	200	1	200	50	25
Montgomery	1	475	....	475	34	44	173	15	14	3	1,800	2	600	100	275
Ada	....	292	....	292	8	44	4	12	8	9	3,365	1	400	50	80
Centreville	3	450	....	450	28	3	7	10	26	4	11,000	....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	2	203	....	203	28	....	2	9	8	4½	2,500	1	300	.....	50
Black River and Vidalia	....	98	....	98	...	....	....	....	....	3	650	1	350	25	.....
Holloway's Prairie	2	275	....	275	12	....	....	20	4	1	200	1	250	.....	.....
Bayou Boeuf	4	173	....	173	15	12	2	7	5	1	150	....	.....	.....	.....
Total	19	3326		3326	217	132	216	170	109	46½	$38, 355	11	$5,100	$2,731	$3,731

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OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of White Members.	No. of Colored Members.	Total Members this year.	Additions on Prof. of Faith.	Additions by Certif. and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Cert. and otherwise.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Pasonages.	Distric Parsonage.
Opelousas	....	177	....	177	26	....	....	26	7	1	2,000	1	2,000	.....	21 00	.....
Washington	1	121	...	121	1	4	....	14	....	2	2,700	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plaque Brulee& Rayne	1	475	....	475	100	10	10	40	32	4	5,600	1	700	.....	1,100 00	.....
Lafayette	....	90	....	90	....	25	2	5	1	2	3,000	2	2,000	.....	400 00	.....
Abbeville	...	482	....	482	120	21	49	108	5	3	4,500	1	800	50	193 00	.....
New Iberia	....	223	....	223	44	14	...	21	13	....	.....	....	.....	3,150	466 00	.....
Franklin	....	102	....	102	...	....	....	9	....	1	2,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Lake Charles	3	251	....	251	9	7	27	8	2	2	3.800	1	1,000	500	1,012 00	.....
Patterson & Mor. City	....	122	1	123	9	6	6	16	....	2	8,100	1	1,500	350	139 00	.....
Sulphur Mines	1	52	....	52	17	....	....	6	2	2	1,000	....	.....	40	.....	.....
Grand Cheniere	2	100	....	100	12	....	9	3	1	2	700	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabine Mission	....	81	....	81	16	11	3	20	11	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thibodeaux	....	15	....	15	6	1	....	4	1	1	2,000	....	.....	.....	8 50	.....
Total	8	2291	1	2292	360	99	106	280	76	22	$35,400	8	$10,000	$4,090	$3340.00	.....

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	....	167	....	167	2	31	19	5	3	1	5.000	1	3,000	.....	539 80	.....
West Monroe	....	148	1	149	6	11	13	4	4	3	3,900	1	1,000	1,175	105 00	.....
Bastrop	1	120	....	120	....	....	20	3	....	2	5.000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Lind Grove	1	169	....	169	5	....	37	5	....	3	1.300	1	500	180	225 00	.....
Delhi	....	94	....	94	....	....	....	6	....	1	1,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....
Floyd	2	313	....	313	26	3	32	21	16	3	1.000	1	400	.....	128 65	.....
Lake Providence	....	80	....	80	5	3	34	12	1	2	3.500	....	.....	50	153 90	.....
Oak Ridge	1	177	....	177	14	....	37	4	7	2	3,000	1	800	.....	25 00	.....
Richland	....	178	....	178	1	1	2	5	....	1	800	1	500	100	10 00	.....
Harrisonburg	....	120	....	120	4	1	7	7	1	2	2,200	....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
Waterproof	....	83	....	83	5	....	7	...	1	4	4.000	1	700	25	5 00	.....
Winnsboro	....	142	....	142	....	....	.	...	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	5	1791	1	1792	68	50	208	72	33	24	$30,700	9	$8,900	$1,530	$1202,35	.....

ARCADIA DISTRICT.

Homer	2	452	....	452	20	27	19	12	10	3	6,000	1	2,000	125	700 00	126 70
Haynesville	....	441	....	441	8	36	8	1	3	6	5 000	1	1,050	.....	705 00	119 00
Minden	2	408	....	408	23	7	8	3	13	4	4,000	1	1,000	500	200 00	110 00
Gibbsland	1	400	....	400	20	6	10	12	15	3	4,000	....	.....	3,000	.....	25 00
Ringgold	2	382	....	382	10	....	4	....	1	3	1,500	1	400	.....	50 00	89 56
Sparta	1	332	...	332	15	....	....	4	2	5	1,000	1	200	.....	.....	41 00
Saline	1	275	....	275	30	7	8	12	10	5	350	....	.....	.....	65 00	29 75
Arcadia	3	357	....	357	58	10	....	9	26	2	2,150	1	550	1,500	903 00	332 00
Summerfield	2	458	....	458	35	....	....	....	25	4	2,000	1	800	.....	.....	118 00
Ruston	1	390	1	391	22	....	2	...	2	2	4,000	1	1,600	185	.....	33 00
Vernon	....	256	....	256	12	4	10	5	10	3⅓	1,475	1	300	.....	882 50	53 00
Vienna	1	340	....	340	39	2	7	7	35	4	1,300	1	400	.....	138 25	35 00
Indian Village	5	435	....	435	5	13	5	1	5	7	1,750	....	.....	.....	.....	32 10
Downsville	2	465	....	465	8	21	9	17	6	4	3,000	1	600	.....	1,500 00	85 00
Farmersville	....	224	....	224	35	15	25	4	27	4	200	....	.....	100	.....	53 75
Gansville	3	233	....	233	50	14	39	39	25	5	1,500	1	300	50	115 17	18 00
Total	26	5848	1	5849	390	162	154	126	215	64½	$39,225	12	$9,200	$5,460	$5258.92	$1300.86

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans	14	2877	3	2880	223	109	150	156	36	19	208850	6	9913 85	148589	7275 00	.....
Shreveport	18	4237	2	4239	200	181	226	112	145	55½	86415	12	7200 00	1485	2837 85	.....
Alexandria	19	3326	..	3326	217	132	216	170	109	46½	38355	11	5100 00	2731	3731 00	.....
Arcadia	26	5848	1	5849	390	162	154	126	215	66⅙	39225	12	9200 00	5460	5258 92	.....
Opelousas	8	2291	1	2292	360	99	106	280	76	22	35400	8	10000 00	4090	3340 00	.....
Delhi	5	1791	1	1792	68	50	208	72	33	24	30700	9	8900 00	1530	1202 35	.....
Total	90	20370	8	20378	1458	733	1060	916	614	233⅓	438945	58	50313 85	163885	23645 12	.....
Total last year	101	19947	11	19958	....		....	1028	868	227	429715	56	46070 00	168930	30845 50	.....
Increase	....	423	.	420	....	....	....	....	....	6⅓	9230	2	4243 85	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	11	.....	3	.....	....	....	...	112	254	.....	.....	.....	.....	5045	7200 38	.....

NA	ion. Paid.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf. Assessed.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf. Paid.	Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.	Bible Cause.	Woman's Parsonage Society	Poor.	Woman's F. Mission. Society.
Opelous	6 00				917 05				23 30
Washing	3 00	7 00	7 00		490 00				
Plaquen	2 00			85 00	864 00				
Lafayett	5 00				802 00				
Abbevil					873 00				
New Ib	10 75			179 60	2404 00			14 60	
Frankli	7 50	5 00	5 00	200 00	797 00				
Lake Ch	14 00	7 00	7 00	115 40	1317 45				
Patterso	14 00	7 00	7 00	400 00	1397 50				
Sulphur					318 15				
Grand	2 00				193 70				
Sabine				90	46 30				
Thibod				8 50	133 50				
To	64 25	26 00	26 00	989 40	10,553 65			14 60	23 30
Monroe				539 80	1743 80			15 00	
West M				40 00	663 00				
Bastrop					682 75				
Lind G					743 00				
Delhi					860 00				
Floyd	7 00				644 20				
Lake P	10 00				1361 05				26 00
Oak Ri					1076 85		21 75		32 85
Richlan	10 00				896 60		15 60		
Harriso					516 20				
Waterp	6 00			42 50	526 65				
Winsbo				52 00	81 25				
To	33 00			674 30	9795 35		37 35	15 00	58 85
Homer	15 00	11 00	11 00		2053 00				
Haynes	14 30			26 50	982 30				
Minden	16 60	10 00	10 00	45 15	1267 30				
Gibslan	3 55				588 80				
Ringgo	1 35			90 05	602 73				
Sparta					456 50				
Saline				71 50	213 50				
Arcadia	5 00	11 00	11 00		1932 25				
Summe	5 00				1138 25				
Ruston	15 00			124 80	1446 95			57 25	68 70
Vienna	2 75			61 00	451 50				
Vernon	4 30	6 00	3 70	49 00	553 05				
Indian	2 05			2 40	369 50	2 40			
Downs	1 00			85 00	545 75				
Farme	10 50			412 50	962 00	2 50			
Gansvi	2 50			27 00	506 63				
To	98 90	38 00	35 70	994 90	14070 01	4 90		57 25	68 70
New O	00	85 00	85 00	8233 25	30,563 66	179 85	106 25	888 45	402 25
Shreve	95			885 80	13 845 91				144 12
Arcadia	90	38 00	35 70	994 90	14,070 01	4 90		57 25	68 70
Alexan	00			337 40	7,228 39	3 25		58 40	
Delhi	00			674 30	9,795 35			15 00	58 85
Opelou	25	26 00	26 00	989 40	10,553 65		37 35	14 60	23 30
To	10	149 00	146 70	12,115 05	86,056 97	188 00	143 60	1033 70	697 22
To	50			9,013 40		625 90			
In				3,101 65					
De	40					437 90			

EXHIBIT II.

Finance Table, 1890.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants.		For. Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Church Extension.		Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.	Bible Cause.	Woman's Parsonage Society	Poor.	Woman's F. Mission. Society.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.						
Opelousas	107 50	107 50	600 00	636 10	14 00	14 00	60 00	40 00	100 00	83 00	42 00	30 00	35 00	10 45	14 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	917 05	.....	.....	.....	23 30
Washington	75 00	53 95	450 00	361 05	10 00	5 00	30 00	21 00	45 00	30 00	22 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	7 00	7 00	.....	490 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plaquemine B. and Rayne	102 00	102 00	700 00	600 00	14 00	10 00	60 00	15 00	95 00	30 00	39 00	15 00	25 50	5 00	14 00	2 00	.....	.....	85 00	864 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette	100 00	100 00	650 00	600 00	14 00	7 00	60 00	30 00	80 00	40 00	16 00	10 00	14 25	10 00	7 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	802 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Abbeville	100 00	60 00	800 00	560 00	14 00	14 00	60 00	60 00	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	14 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	873 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Iberia	132 50	96 30	600 00	550 00	14 00	10 43	60 00	64 00	100 00	73 00	42 00	29 00	35 00	25 33	14 00	10 75	.....	.....	179 60	2404 00	.....	.....	14 60	.....
Franklin	62 50	46 50	500 00	454 00	7 50	7 50	28 00	21 25	50 00	20 20	22 00	6 05	20 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	5 00	200 00	797 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Charles	137 50	127 00	1000 00	712 65	14 00	14 00	60 00	45 00	100 00	75 00	45 00	24 00	35 00	22 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	115 40	1317 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pattersonville and Morgan City	125 00	125 00	600 00	600 00	14 00	14 00	60 00	60 00	100 00	100 00	42 00	42 00	35 00	35 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	430 00	1397 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Mine	18 75	22 90	105 00	97 35	2 00	2 00	5 00	3 40	15 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Chemere	31 25	43 95	150 00	94 55	3 00	3 00	7 00	3 95	25 00	12 65	.....	.....	7 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	193 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabine Mission	10 00	10 00	125 00	31 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thibodeaux	.....	.....	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50	133 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$1002 00	897 10	6,380 00	5,421 70	121 50	101 95	492 00	365 60	800 00	546 35	290 00	136 05	248 75	147 78	105 50	64 25	26 00	26 00	980 40	10,553 65	.....	.....	14 60	23 30

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	112 50	112 50	900 00	900 00	13 00	13 00	50 00	50 00	75 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	26 00	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	539 80	1743 80	.....	.....	15 00	.....
West Monroe	75 00	42 50	600 00	447 55	8 00	3 00	40 00	40 00	60 00	46 55	23 00	12 50	8 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	663 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bastrop	100 00	77 00	810 00	485 00	16 00	6 00	55 00	20 00	85 00	20 00	31 00	10 75	31 00	10 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	682 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lind Grove	75 00	.....	600 00	.....	12 00	8 00	55 00	15 00	85 00	8 00	31 00	6 00	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	743 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delhi	84 00	79 00	675 00	636 00	10 00	10 00	45 00	45 00	73 5	50 00	26 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	860 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Floyd	85 00	46 05	680 00	368 50	16 00	13 60	40 00	28 25	73 00	46 80	26 00	18 50	27 00	14 00	12 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	644 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Providence	90 00	90 00	800 00	800 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	70 00	70 00	26 00	26 00	26 00	26 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1361 05	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Oak Ridge	81 25	81 25	700 00	700 00	14 00	14 00	55 00	55 00	85 00	85 00	30 00	30 00	31 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1076 85	.....	21 75	.....	32 85
Richland	75 00	75 00	600 00	600 00	12 00	12 00	55 00	55 00	75 00	75 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	896 60	.....	15 60	.....	.....
Harrisonburg	62 50	40 00	500 00	321 00	13 00	13 00	75 00	75 00	27 00	18 00	27 50	22 00	13 00	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	516 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterproof	62 50	40 45	500 00	369 00	8 00	7 00	50 00	30 00	70 00	25 00	32 90	8 00	15 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	42 50	626 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winsboro	15 00	15 00	39 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	81 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$ 917 75	705 65	7404 00	5641 05	132 00	114 60	560 00	453 25	778 50	469 35	304 00	195 75	243 00	152 70	62 00	33 00	.....	.....	674 30	9795 35	.....	37 35	15 00	58 85

ARCADIA DISTRICT.

Homer	107 00	108 50	900 00	903 00	15 00	15 00	65 00	67 00	90 00	92 00	33 00	33 00	31 00	31 50	15 00	15 00	11 00	11 00	.....	2053 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haynesville	82 00	71 50	700 00	675 00	14 00	15 00	54 80	55 00	68 30	70 00	24 60	25 00	23 60	25 00	14 30	14 30	.....	.....	20 50	982 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minden	102 00	83 70	100 00	883 75	16 60	16 60	66 30	66 30	85 35	85 35	30 60	30 60	29 25	29 25	16 60	16 60	10 00	10 00	45 15	1267 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gibsland	75 00	37 00	750 00	590 00	12 60	3 55	50 25	15 00	62 50	17 70	22 50	6 35	21 50	6 05	12 50	3 55	.....	.....	.....	588 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ringgold	69 50	37 50	600 00	406 83	11 00	7 00	45 05	15 00	55 80	19 00	20 00	8 00	19 20	8 00	11 00	1 35	.....	.....	90 05	692 73	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sparta	65 00	37 30	600 00	406 10	11 80	4 00	43 00	14 00	54 00	5 60	30 00	5 60	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	456 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saline	40 00	16 85	400 00	109 50	7 80	3 00	30 00	3 00	23 30	3 40	12 20	3 45	11 75	3 00	7 80	.....	.....	.....	71 50	213 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arcadia	107 00	104 80	800 00	791 35	15 00	13 20	65 00	48 00	91 65	50 60	33 00	18 50	31 50	10 00	15 00	5 00	11 00	11 00	.....	1932 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summerfield	85 00	85 00	600 00	613 00	14 30	10 00	58 30	18 05	68 30	20 00	24 40	10 00	22 60	5 00	14 30	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1138 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruston	107 50	107 50	1000 00	1000 00	15 00	15 00	65 00	65 00	91 65	91 65	33 00	16 00	31 50	12 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	124 80	1445 95	.....	.....	57 25	68 70
Vienna	40 00	25 70	481 00	320 00	7 30	2 75	27 50	10 40	33 30	20 00	12 00	4 55	11 45	4 35	7 50	2 75	.....	.....	61 00	451 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vernon	77 50	58 10	400 00	348 50	12 80	4 65	50 20	18 00	62 50	50 00	22 50	8 55	21 50	8 25	12 50	4 30	6 00	3 70	49 00	553 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Village	60 00	38 50	425 00	275 80	6 75	3 75	27 50	10 00	50 00	20 00	18 00	10 00	17 00	7 00	10 00	2 05	.....	.....	2 40	369 50	2 40	.....	.....	.....
Downsville	82 00	70 00	550 00	381 50	14 30	10 00	54 30	35 00	68 30	40 00	24 60	16 00	23 60	7 25	14 30	1 00	.....	.....	85 00	545 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farmerville	60 00	51 40	500 00	391 85	10 50	10 50	27 80	27 15	50 00	41 30	18 00	9 35	17 00	10 45	10 50	10 50	.....	.....	412 50	962 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Gansville	42 00	38 41	500 00	362 72	7 50	5 00	40 60	38 30	38 30	20 00	12 00	8 00	11 45	2 50	7 50	2 50	.....	.....	27 00	506 63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$1201 50	981 70	10206 00	8362 80	192 15	138 80	770 50	505 20	993 25	646 60	370 40	212 95	334 90	159 60	193 80	98 90	38 00	35 70	994 90	14070 01	4 90	.....	57 25	68 70

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans	1807 50	1700 30	11,886 45	12,092 90	303 00	322 60	999 56	1049 28	1912 50	1997 60	472 21	489 81	566 50	580 50	246 50	252 00	85 00	85 00	8233 25	30,563 66	179 85	106 25	888 45	402 25
Shreveport	1430 00	1091 31	10,900 00	8,281 62	203 83	167 87	721 32	643 48	889 23	913 85	328 06	252 45	280 43	203 65	161 47	104 93	.....	.....	885 80	13 845 91	.....	.....	.....	144 12
Arcadia	1201 50	981 76	10,206 00	8,362 80	192 15	138 80	770 50	505 20	993 25	646 60	370 40	212 95	334 90	169 60	193 80	98 90	38 00	35 70	994 90	14,070 01	4 90	.....	57 25	68 70
Alexandria	683 00	493 25	6,805 00	5,426 59	98 00	76 50	365 00	282 35	396 00	207 6	142 00	114 00	214 00	142 50	77 00	40 00	.....	.....	337 40	7,228 39	3 25	.....	58 40	.....
Delhi	917 75	705 65	7,404 00	5,641 05	132 00	114 60	560 00	453 25	778 50	469 35	304 00	195 75	243 00	152 70	62 00	33 00	.....	.....	674 30	9,795 35	.....	.....	15 00	58 85
Opelousas	1002 00	897 10	6,380 00	5,421 70	121 50	101 95	492 00	365 60	800 00	546 35	290 00	136 05	248 75	147 78	105 50	64 25	26 00	26 00	989 40	10,553 65	.....	37 35	14 60	23 30
Total	7062 05	5869 37	53,581 45	45,226 66	1050 48	942 32	3908 38	3299 16	5679 48	4787 40	1906 67	1451 01	1887 58	1396 73	846 27	593 10	149 00	146 70	12,115 05	86,056 97	188 00	143 60	1033 70	697 22
Total last year	6265 25	5295 43	50,355 60	43,723 57	018 95	827 97	3825 45	3268 12	5626 88	4874 92	1948 35	1526 74	1930 69	1324 97	918 95	782 50	.....	.....	.....	9,013 40	.....	625 90	.....	.....
Increase	796 80	573 94	3,225 85	1,503 09	131 53	94 35	82 93	31 04	52 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,101 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 52	41 68	75 73	43 11	.....	72 68	189 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	437 90	.....	.....	.....

Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.	Bible.	Woman's Parsonage Society.	Poor.	Woman's F. Mission Society.
ss'd.	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.						
C32 25	62 25	26 00	26 00	1572 00	5181 98	.....	35 00	534 00	174 25
F50 25	55 00	21 00	21 00	784 25	5722 86	104 50	51 25	246 45	163 00
R24 75	24 75	8 00	8 00	1000 00	2840 65	.....	20 00	100 00	65 00
M15 00	15 00	.....	.....	120 00	1157 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
P 5 00	5 00	16 00	16 00	.....	1057 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
C 9 00	9 00	4 00	4 00	.....	889 72	.....	.....	.....	.....
L18 75	18 75	5 00	5 00	.....	1230 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
A11 25	11 25	5 00	5 00	158 00	1062 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
B24 75	24 75	.....	.....	201 50	3035 70	74 35	.....	.....	.....
G 4 50	4 50	.....	.....	141 50	709 31	.....	.....	.....	.....
D12 75	13 50	.....	.....	4000 00	5253 58	.....	.....	.....	.....
C 5 25	5 25	.....	.....	251 00	734 86	1 00	.....	8 00	.....
G 3 00	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	278 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
L.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
46 50	252 00	85 00	85 00	8233 25	30,563 66	179 85	106 25	888 45	402 25

S36 45	36 45	.....	.....	457 35	3570 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
M 7 50	7 50	.....	.....	.....	387 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
C15 70	15 70	.....	.....	138 00	1399 15	.....	.....	.....	82 45
M14 50	10 00	.....	.....	52 25	1266 95	.....	.....	.....	24 55
M12 00	50	.....	.....	143 00	712 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
G 9 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	594 52	.....	.....	.....	25 00
A 5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
P11 32	6 85	.....	.....	.....	564 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
N13 50	13 50	.....	.....	22 70	819 00	.....	.....	.....	12 12
C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	749 44	.....	.....	.....	.....
V 6 95	5 45	.....	.....	.....	546 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	844 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
V 9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	431 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
S11 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	784 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
N 9 00	.....	.....	.....	42 50	482 33	.....	.....	.....	.....
I.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	504 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
61 47	104 95	.....	.....	885 80	13.845 91	.....	.....	.....	144 12

A 6 00	6 00	.....	.....	8 40	763 90	.....	.....	8 40	.....
J10 00	3 00	.....	.....	233 00	941 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
J14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	768 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
J.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
S 9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	563 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
S 5 00	50	.....	.....	11 00	280 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
S 3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	227 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
J10 00	7 50	.....	.....	85 00	750 00	.....	.....	50 00	.....
A 4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	518 54	.....	.....	.....	.....
J.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	413 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
J 5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	373 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
C11 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	886 20	3 25	.....	.....	.....
J.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
77 00	40 00	.....	.....	337 40	7228 39	3 25	.....	58 40	.....

EXHIBIT III. **Sunday School Table, 1890.**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Amount Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Carondelet street	2	35	310	195 67	147 82	.....	.....	343 49
Felicity street	2	45	300	158 75	137 21	13 85	.....	309 81
Rayne Memorial	1	16	200	100 00	27 50	.....	25 00	152 50
Moreau street	2	25	150	75 30	131 00	.....	.....	206 30
Plaquemine and Donaldsonville	2	12	85	50 00	10 00	.....	60 00	120 00
Carrollton and Parker Chapel	2	28	250	96 81	33 91	7 00	36 00	173 72
La. Avenue	1	24	220	72 20	62 00	10 15	150 00	294 35
Algiers	2	27	218	62 40	65 00	10 00	151 00	288 40
Baton Rouge	5	28	235	185 30	87 15	14 45	6 00	292 90
Grosse Tete and False River	1	4	25	12 70	.....	.....	.....	12 70
Dryades street	1	9	75	38 40	.....	.....	98 50	136 90
Craps street and Soroparu	2	17	130	51 20	.....	.....	.....	51 20
Gretna	1	6	60	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Lower Coast Mission	3	12	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	27	288	2333	$1,114 73	701 59	55 45	526 50	2398 27

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	2	16	300	60 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Mooringsport	3	12	100	17 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00
Caddo	7	42	196	51 00	.....	10 00	.....	61 10
Mansfield	1	15	135	45 40	.....	4 95	.....	50 25
Many and Sabine	8	24	340	37 00	.....	.....	.....	37 00
DeSoto	2	9	100	15 55	.....	.....	.....	15 55
Grand Cane	3	22	115	125 00	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Anacoco and Bellewood	2	7	50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Pleasant Hill	4	20	100	27 55	.....	.....	.....	27 55
Nachitoches	2	18	150	42 35	.....	.....	.....	42 35
Coushatta	1	5	35	7 10	.....	.....	.....	7 10
Wesley	4	20	90	12 35	.....	.....	.....	12 35
Red River	2	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Valley	1	4	35	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
South Bossier	5	20	150	35 35	.....	.....	.....	36 35
North Bossier	2	7	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Total	49	247	2006	484 65	.....	15 95	.....	500 60

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	1	9	60	30 00	.....	.....	5 00	35 00
Lecompte and Boyce	5	20	263	33 25	.....	.....	.....	33 25
Evergreen	4	16	109	50 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Bayou Boeuff	1	4	27	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Simsport and Melville	4	17	127	15 40	.....	.....	.....	15 40
Spring Creek	2	7	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Town	2	8	75	5 15	.....	.....	.....	5 15
Montgomery	7	28	200	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Ada	5	15	125	16 50	.....	.....	.....	16 50
Holloway's Pralrie	4	16	150	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Centreville	5	30	200	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Vidalia and Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	3	15	60	40 00	.....	.....	5 00	45 00
Black River	1	4	20	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	18 00
Total	44	189	1506	246 30	8 00	.....	10 00	264 30

EXHIBIT H.

Finance Table, 1890.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants.		For. Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Church Extension.		Education.		Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.		Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.	Bible.	Woman's Parsonage Society.	Poor.	Woman's F. Mission Society.
	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.						
Carondelet street	375 00	375 00	2080 00	2080 00	84 00	84 00	245 91	245 91	475 00	385 00	119 00	119 00	142 50	142 50	92 25	52 25	26 00	26 00	1572 00	5181 98	.....	35 00	534 00	174 25
Felicity street	300 00	300 00	2000 00	2000 00	68 00	68 00	196 65	200 00	380 00	531 50	95 00	100 00	114 00	114 00	50 25	55 00	21 00	21 00	784 25	5722 86	104 50	51 25	246 45	163 00
Rayne Memorial	180 00	180 00	1200 00	1200 00	24 75	33 50	98 83	100 00	190 00	200 00	47 50	47 50	57 00	57 00	24 75	24 75	8 00	8 00	1000 00	2840 65	.....	20 00	100 00	65 00
Moreau street	90 00	75 00	600 00	652 00	20 00	20 00	59 15	60 00	119 00	151 00	23 60	29 00	34 00	35 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	120 00	1157 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plaquemine & Donaldsonville	120 00	120 00	800 00	800 00	6 00	6 00	28 00	28 00	60 00	60 00	15 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	16 00	16 00	.....	1057 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carrollton and Parker Chapel	60 00	60 00	400 00	468 00	12 00	12 00	54 00	53 00	76 00	76 00	19 00	19 00	30 00	15 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	4 00	.....	839 72	.....	.....	.....	.....
La. Avenue	112 00	112 00	750 00	800 00	18 75	28 85	72 80	90 25	142 00	158 50	35 50	42 60	42 00	44 00	18 76	18 75	5 00	5 00	.....	1230 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Algiers	90 00	90 00	600 00	600 00	15 00	15 00	46 41	47 51	85 50	85 50	21 21	21 21	25 00	25 00	11 25	11 25	5 00	5 00	158 00	1062 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baton Rouge	225 00	163 00	1500 00	1162 45	24 75	24 75	98 20	125 00	190 00	190 00	47 50	47 50	67 00	102 00	24 75	24 75	.....	.....	201 50	3035 70	74 35	.....	.....	.....
Orosse Tete and False River	57 05	57 05	411 45	411 45	6 00	6 00	19 00	19 00	38 00	38 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	4 50	4 50	.....	.....	141 50	709 31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dryades street	82 50	82 50	550 00	1000 00	12 75	13 60	49 50	49 50	95 00	60 00	24 00	24 00	29 00	10 00	12 75	13 60	.....	.....	4000 00	5253 58	.....	.....	.....	.....
Craps street and Soroparu	52 50	35 50	350 00	350 00	7 00	7 00	19 11	19 11	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	5 25	5 25	.....	.....	251 00	734 86	1 00	.....	8 00	.....
Gretna	37 50	35 00	250 00	174 00	4 00	4 00	12 00	12 00	32 00	32 00	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	278 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Coast Mission	15 25	15 25	395 00	395 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$1806 80	1700 30	11,886 45	12,092 90	303 00	322 60	999 56	1049 28	1912 50	1997 60	472 21	489 81	666 50	580 60	246 50	252 00	85 00	85 00	8233 25	30,563 66	179 85	106 25	888 45	402 25

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	240 00	240 00	2000 00	1833 25	36 45	36 45	140 00	140 70	182 15	182 15	64 60	64 60	62 60	62 60	36 45	36 45	.....	.....	457 35	3570 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mooringsport	60 00	38 40	350 00	269 10	7 50	7 50	30 05	15 00	37 50	20 00	13 40	7 50	12 66	5 00	7 50	7 50	.....	.....	.....	387 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caddo	120 00	120 00	710 00	678 00	15 70	15 70	63 00	112 05	78 75	255 00	27 85	27 85	26 85	26 85	15 70	15 70	.....	.....	138 00	1399 15	.....	.....	.....	82 45
Mansfield	120 00	59 00	1000 00	619 00	14 90	10 00	59 50	50 00	74 40	65 00	27 06	17 00	25 56	14 50	14 50	10 00	.....	.....	52 25	1265 95	.....	.....	.....	24 55
Many and Sabine	100 00	62 10	600 00	416 00	14 00	10 00	72 00	35 00	68 00	30 00	25 00	15 00	14 00	1 00	12 00	50	.....	.....	143 00	712 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Cane	75 00	37 57	730 00	493 40	9 50	4 70	38 00	19 40	47 00	22 75	17 50	8 66	16 05	8 15	9 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	594 52	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Anacoco and Bellewood	40 00	14 45	430 00	170 55	5 00	1 00	5 00	.....	10 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	80 00	49 75	500 00	361 15	11 32	11 32	45 28	45 28	56 65	56 55	20 00	20 00	18 80	13 70	11 32	6 85	.....	.....	.....	564 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Natchitoches	80 00	80 00	500 00	510 00	13 50	13 50	54 00	54 00	77 50	77 50	24 70	24 70	23 10	23 10	13 50	13 50	.....	.....	22 70	819 00	.....	.....	.....	12 12
Conshatta	90 00	42 09	700 00	389 00	12 50	6 25	50 00	40 40	62 50	42 75	23 00	.....	22 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	749 44	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wesley	55 00	55 00	435 00	411 00	6 05	6 45	27 84	21 00	34 78	28 00	13 80	10 50	12 26	9 60	6 95	5 45	.....	.....	.....	546 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red River	125 00	104 30	1000 00	730 00	18 41	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	844 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Valley	55 00	29 00	400 00	322 85	9 00	9 00	36 00	20 65	45 00	17 0	14 90	9 50	14 15	14 15	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	431 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bossier	70 00	53 00	600 00	451 00	15 00	16 00	44 00	44 00	55 00	55 00	19 25	19 23	18 50	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	784 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bossier	70 00	44 70	430 00	274 00	9 00	9 00	36 00	36 00	45 00	45 00	16 00	16 00	5 80	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	42 50	482 33	.....	.....	.....	.....
DeSoto	60 00	51 93	415 00	412 32	5 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	25 00	15 00	11 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	504 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$1450 00	1091 31	10,900 00	8281 62	203 83	167 87	721 32	643 48	889 23	913 85	328 06	252 45	280 43	203 65	161 47	104 95	.....	.....	885 80	13.845 91	.....	.....	.....	144 12

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	60 00	57 50	600 00	600 00	6 00	6 00	30 00	30 00	27 00	27 00	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	8 40	763 90	.....	.....	8 40	.....
Lecompte and Boyce	76 00	40 85	750 00	592 45	10 00	10 00	40 00	25 00	27 00	10 00	11 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	10 00	3 00	.....	.....	233 00	941 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen	60 00	53 70	600 00	600 00	14 00	10 00	50 00	30 00	45 00	30 00	25 00	15 00	40 00	30 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	708 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bayou Boeff	40 00	25 25	400 00	252 00	7 00	7 00	20 00	20 00	16 00	6 50	.....	6 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Simsport and Melville	50 00	40 65	475 00	400 00	12 00	12 00	35 00	35 00	27 00	27 00	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	563 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Creek	30 00	21 35	300 00	235 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	50	.....	.....	11 00	280 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Town	30 00	15 00	300 00	200 00	3 00	50	10 00	8 65	10 00	3 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	227 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	60 00	59 00	600 00	500 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	35 00	35 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	10 00	7 50	.....	.....	85 00	750 00	.....	.....	50 00	.....
Ada	38 00	37 60	380 00	417 94	6 00	6 00	25 00	20 70	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	20 30	12 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	518 54	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holloway's Prairie	50 00	15 00	500 00	141 60	4 00	2 00	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 15	10 00	2 00	20 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville	30 00	22 00	300 00	300 00	7 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	413 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vidalia and Trinity	40 00	30 00	400 00	300 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	373 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	75 00	69 35	750 00	587 60	10 00	5 00	40 00	30 00	37 00	16 00	15 00	10 00	25 00	15 00	11 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	880 20	3 25	.....	.....	.....
Black River	45 00	16 00	450 00	200 00	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	683 00	493 25	6305 00	6426 59	98 00	76 50	365 00	282 35	306 00	207 65	142 00	114 00	214 00	142 50	77 00	40 00	.....	.....	337 40	7228 39	3 25	.....	58 40	.....

EXHIBIT III. **Sunday School Table, 1890.**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Amount Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Carondelet street	2	35	310	195 67	147 82	.....	.....	343 49
Felicity street	2	45	300	158 75	137 21	13 85	.....	309 81
Rayne Memorial	1	16	200	100 00	27 50	.....	25 00	152 50
Moreau street	2	25	150	75 30	131 00	.....	.....	206 30
Plaquemine and Donaldsonville	2	12	85	50 00	10 00	.....	60 00	120 00
Carrollton and Parker Chapel	2	28	250	96 81	33 91	7 00	36 00	173 72
La. Avenue	1	24	220	72 20	62 00	10 15	150 00	294 35
Algiers	2	27	218	62 40	65 00	10 00	151 00	288 40
Baton Rouge	5	28	235	185 30	87 15	14 45	6 00	292 90
Grosse Tete and False River	1	4	25	12 70	.....	.....	.....	12 70
Dryades street	1	9	75	38 40	.....	.....	98 50	136 90
Craps street and Soroparu	2	17	130	51 20	.....	.....	.....	51 20
Gretna	1	6	60	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Lower Coast Mission	3	12	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	27	288	2333	$1,114 73	701 59	55 45	526 50	2398 27

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	2	16	300	60 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Mooringsport	3	12	100	17 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00
Caddo	7	42	196	51 00	.....	10 00	.....	61 10
Mansfield	1	15	135	45 40	.....	4 95	.....	50 25
Many and Sabine	8	24	340	37 00	.....	.....	.....	37 00
DeSoto	2	9	100	15 55	.....	.....	.....	15 55
Grand Cane	3	22	115	125 00	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Anacoco and Bellewood	2	7	50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Pleasant Hill	4	20	100	27 55	.....	.....	.....	27 55
Nachitoches	2	18	150	42 35	.....	.....	.....	42 35
Coushatta	1	5	35	7 10	.....	.....	.....	7 10
Wesley	4	20	90	12 35	.....	.....	.....	12 35
Red River	2	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Valley	1	4	35	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
South Bossier	5	20	150	35 35	.....	.....	.....	36 35
North Bossier	2	7	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Total	49	247	2006	484 65	.....	15 95	.....	500 60

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria	1	9	60	30 00	.....	.....	5 00	35 00
Lecompte and Boyce	5	20	263	33 25	.....	.....	.....	33 25
Evergreen	4	16	109	50 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Bayou Boeuff	1	4	27	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Simsport and Melville	4	17	127	15 40	.....	.....	.....	15 40
Spring Creek	2	7	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Town	2	8	75	5 15	.....	.....	.....	5 15
Montgomery	7	28	200	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Ada	5	15	125	16 50	.....	.....	.....	16 50
Holloway's Pralrie	4	16	150	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Centreville	5	30	200	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Vidalia and Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia	3	15	60	40 00	.....	.....	5 00	45 00
Black River	1	4	20	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	18 00
Total	44	189	1506	246 30	8 00	.....	10 00	264 30

EXHIBIT III. **Sunday School Table, 1890.**

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Amount Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.
Opelousas	2	9	81	16 00	4 75	3 25		24 00
Washington	2	6	40	10 75				10 75
Plaquemine and Rayne	6	42	303	35 00	4 25			39 25
Lafayette	2	10	50	25 00				25 00
Abbeville	5	44	415	115 00	76 00			191 00
New Iberia	1	14	125	44 45	5 00			49 45
Franklin	1	8	60	25 00				25 00
Lake Charles	1	14	150	96 00	35 00	8 40	22 40	161 80
Pattersonville and Morgan City	2	19	161	75 00				75 00
Sulphur Mine	1	4	35	11 05		7 30		18 35
Grand Cheniere	4	12	56	26 60				26 60
Sabine Mission	3	9	61					
Thibodeaux	1	6	55	10 00				10 00
Total	31	197	1592	489 85	125 00	18 95	22 40	656 20

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	1	10	105	32 00		5 50		37 50
West Monroe	2	10	82	20 00	8 45			28 45
Bastrop	1	8	50	15 20	5 20	5 00		25 40
Lind Grove	5	16	100	25 00	55			25 55
Delhi	1	10	50	15 00		2 50		17 50
Floyd	3	14	100	20 00		50		20 50
Lake Providence	1	7	62	20 00		8 00		28 00
Oak Ridge	3	14	130	15 00				15 00
Richland	2	5	40	7 50				7 50
Harrisonburg	2	13	75	6 50	3 55	7 05		17 10
Waterproof	1	8	30	30 00		7 30	7 50	44 80
Winnsboro	2	10	90	9 25				9 25
Total	24	125	914	215 45	17 75	35 85	7 50	276 55

ARCADIA DISTRICT.

Homer	3	25	210	48 00	20 00		20 00	88 00
Haynesville	4	28	160	14 00		3 50		17 50
Minden	2	13	180	38 23				38 23
Gibbsland	4	25	200	15 00		2 15		17 15
Ringgold	1	4	25					
Sparta	2	10	50	7 30				7 30
Arcadia	2	27	190	70 00				70 00
Summerfield	2	12	80	8 00		4 20		12 20
Ruston	2	20	195	31 00				31 00
Vienna	2	12	60	12 00				12 00
Vernon	3	8	75	7 02				7 02
Indian Village	2	9	88	8 65				8 65
Downsville	2	14	100	24 00	2 00			26 00
Farmersville	2	11	60	25 00		4 25		29 25
Gansville	4	20	80	9 35				9 35
Saline	5	14	125	75				75
Total	42	252	1878	318 30	22 00	14 10	20 00	374 40

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans	27	288	2333	1114 73	701 50	55 45	526 50	2398 27
Shreveport	49	247	2006	484 65		15 95		500 60
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Arcadia	42	252	1878	318 30	22 00	14 10	20 00	374 40
Delhi	24	125	914	215 45	17 75	35 85	7 50	276 55
Total	217	1298	10229	$2,869 28	874 34	140 30	586 40	4470 32
Total last year	242	1428	10431	$2,991 73	914 20	262 49	733 43	4901 85
Increase								
Decrease	25	130	202	$ 122 45	39 86	122 19	147 03	431 53

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